

## Cleveland CIO Warns of 'Sabotage' Frame-Ups

Labor Paper Prints a  
Warning to Be Alert  
for Bosses Plots

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Dec. 25.—Citing the widespread spy hunt organized by this city's open-shop industrialists, bankers and newspaper publishers, under the guise of combating "sabotage," the Cleveland Union Leader, organ of the CIO unions here, printed a warning to workers to beware of frameups on charges of "sabotage."

The warning, prominently displayed on the front page, appeared as President Roosevelt, following protests by a delegation of this Cleveland Industrial Union Council and Ohio's Labor's Non-Partisan League, expressed approval of the spy-hunt.

The President's stand added fuel to the widespread dissatisfaction in labor's ranks here and has actually alarmed labor circles on the situation.

The spy-hunt is directed through the so-called Industrial Safety Council, which has the cooperation of Safety Director Eliot Ness and naval intelligence agents. Greased up by war hysteria propaganda, the well-financed campaign has made this city a fertile field for the work of discredited and bankrupt industrial spy agencies. Believed almost eliminated following the exposures by the LaFollette committee, the "two-legged rats" are now seen reappearing decked in red, white and blue.

**USE 'DEFENSE DISGUISE'**  
The very companies that had been forced to discontinue the use of spies which is an infringement on the Wagner Act, are now circumventing the act with the new "defense" angle.

There is fear here that sabotage acts will be actually framed by agencies interested in booming the spy profession in order to furnish "justification" for the Industrial Safety Council.

Giving a series of incidents indicating how the spy-hunt is taking shape, the Union Leader cites one report by an informer alleging that a man in a certain plant "threatened to smash his machine." In another case when a grievance committee came to confer with him, an employer pointed to a piece of steel which he claimed a foreman found wedged between gears of a machine. At White Motor Co., new employees are being fingerprinted. Police have already called on two prominent CIO leaders to furnish them the names and addresses of all union leaders in Cleveland, giving rise to reports that raids upon homes may be part of the plan if an hysteria virus high enough.

**THE WARNING**  
The "Warning" in the Union Leader follows:

Rank and file workers! Shop stewards! Local union officers! Read this carefully and warn all workers, especially militant union workers, in your shops.

Watch carefully for any attempt

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## Gannes Condition Continues to Be Hopeful

Harry Gannes's condition was a little better yesterday, said Jewish Hospital authorities in Brooklyn.

Pneumonia symptoms have practically disappeared and the severe pains, from which he has been suffering since his operation, are somewhat reduced.

Convalescence will be long. Gannes is under federal indictment on a passport charge.

## Federal Works Programs Add To U. S. Schools

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UP).—The Federal Works Agency of the Public Works Administration reported tonight that the PWA's six-year construction program had added 59,615 classrooms to the capacity of the nation's schools.

Total costs of PWA education projects, which include 102 public libraries, was estimated at \$1,182,397,133 for which PWA made grants of \$481,526,508, with the cities, counties and states furnishing the balance.

## CIO Launches Drive To Put Over Social Legislative Program

Calls on U. S. to Meet the Needs of People at Home  
and Keep Out of European Tangles; to  
Issue Pamphlet on Proposed Laws

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Announcing its plan for a nationwide campaign behind the 1940 legislative program it adopted last week, the CIO today again called upon Congress, which convenes next week, to devote attention to "the burning needs of the American people at home," and not be "distracted by foreign affairs."

The CIO's straightforward demand was expressed in the leading editorial of its official paper, The CIO News.

A cartoon accompanying the editorial pictures a figure labeled "U. S. officials" looking over a fence into the European war situation while behind him a bulldog, labeled "domestic problems," is threateningly growling at a person who represents the "American people."

"Look at your own backyard," is the title of the CIO's cartoon.

**TO ISSUE PAMPHLET**

The legislative program (printed in the Daily Worker on Dec. 18) the CIO announced, will be issued in pamphlet form for wide distribution in labor's ranks.

The editorial in the current CIO News follows:

"There can be no retreat now. Rather there must be a steady forward march to extend the social and economic program of the nation. This is the keynote of the legislative program recently announced by the CIO for the coming session of Congress.

The CIO repeats in emphatic and insistent terms the demand of labor that Congress adopt no policy which may in any way lead toward the involvement of the United States in foreign wars. It calls for the adoption of a constructive program to solve our own domestic problems.

The CIO program is a rallying cry to all progressives. The voice of arrogant reaction is heard on every hand, demanding surrender of recent gains in labor and social legislation. The weak-kneed may flinch before such threats. But progressive labor, which is the driving force of the whole liberal cause, will not hear of retreat. It calls for a determined advance.

The Wagner labor act, the social security act, the wage-hour act, public works programs and other similar legislation are steps in the right direction.

But they are still inadequate to meet the crying needs of the American people, in the face of continued mass unemployment and insecurity.

Unemployment still remains America's No. 1 problem, and an expanded public works and public housing program are urgently needed to put millions of Americans to socially useful work.

The Wagner act has not been fully enforced because it lacks penalties against violators and because law-breaking firms are still enjoying fat government contracts. It must be strengthened in these respects, and a halt must be put to the carrying up of industrial unions.

The security act and other social legislation are still inadequate to provide real security to the aged and unemployed. They must be liberalized and expanded in scope.

The CIO demands that Congress devote its attention to meeting such burning needs of the American people at home, rather than to let its attention be distracted by foreign affairs.

Not only the members of the CIO but all public-spirited Americans will judge their representatives in Congress by the degree of support which they render to this constructive program.

Gustave Duerling, retired 86-year-old manufacturer at Paterson, may or may not have been worrying about his investments when he and his 82-year-old wife, Minnie, killed themselves by gas yesterday.

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**Italian Plane Crashes**  
RABAT, Morocco, Dec. 25 (UP).—An Italian plane, which French authorities here said was flying from the Canary Islands to Spain, crashed in the Mogador region today and the crew was burned to death.

The interest of the people and their support of the stand taken by the Daily Worker in exposing the insidious anti-Negro film "Gone With the Wind," was expressed yesterday in numerous telephone calls. They commended the Daily Worker for its firm stand and hailed it as a contribution to the fight against the wave of anti-Negro propaganda which is sweeping the country.

Among those telephoning congratulatory messages were: Dr.

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**'Daily' Congratulated  
On Stand on Picture**

## I.R.A. Men Demonstrate In Ulster; Seize Arms

Republican Prisoners in  
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(Special to the Daily Worker)

BELFAST, Dec. 25 (UP).—Irish Republican Army demonstrations spread throughout Northern Ireland today.

At Londonderry Jail 60 Republican prisoners demonstrated in the prison. Police initiated searches and raids in Belfast, seizing scores of suspects.

The demonstrations started at Dublin yesterday where IRA sympathizers seized arms and ammunition from an Irish army magazine. Four men were arrested.

The demonstrations lasted five hours at Londonderry where men suspected of being members of the I.R.A., had been interned for the duration of the war.

Three jailers were overpowered and locked in cells and the I.R.A. men leaned from the high windows singing Republican songs to a crowd which gathered quickly in the street.

They made a final stand against police reinforcements called to subdue them, resisting as acetylene torches burned through barricades the prisoners had erected and firemen played streams of water on the I.R.A. men.

A communique on the Dublin raid issued by the government information bureau Sunday night said:

At 8:30 P.M. on Saturday, Dec. 23, a raid was carried out by a large party of armed men on the magazine of the I.R.A. in Phoenix Park. The raiders brought four lorries with them. Entrance to the magazine was obtained by a man in military uniform, carrying a parcel addressed to the commanding officer.

When the gates were opened he held up the sentry and his accomplices rushed in and overpowered the guard.

"While the raid was in progress shots were fired at a military policeman at the Island bridge barracks. Immediately afterward, soldiers were rushed to the park and four men who were carrying revolvers were captured.

"The raiders, however, had succeeded in making off with a large quantity of small arms and ammunition. The captured men have been lodged in Arbour Hill Prison."

The Island bridge barracks referred to in the communique is about a mile distant from the magazine.

## Xmas Day Takes Heavy Suicide Toll

Two Killed by Son While  
Preparing for  
Party

Personality twists in a society upset by war, unemployment and fears for the future brought a group of suicides on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Berglund, a farm couple, were preparing for a Christmas party at Princeton, Ill., when their son, Ernest Berglund, 30, a groom-to-be, killed them with a shotgun. Next he visited his brother John and seriously wounded him and ended by shooting himself.

"Temporarily insane," said Sheriff Clifford Thompson.

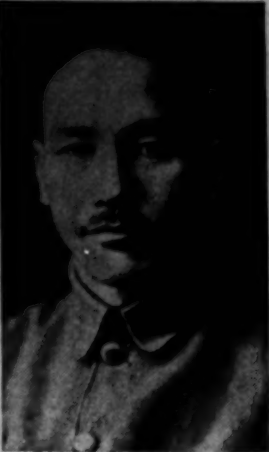
Clement C. Kite, 21-year-old Yale University hockey star and senior, did not say whether he was worrying about his future when he shot himself in the head while visiting a girl cousin at Radnor, Pa. The cause is still a mystery.

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## Sent Greeting



CHIANG KAI-SHEK

## Ships Totalling 58,000 Tons Lost in Week

British List 13 of Their  
Vessels As  
Sunk

LONDON, Dec. 25 (UP).—The admiralty announced today that 13 British ships totalling 6,581 tons and eight neutral vessels totalling 10,839 tons were sunk last week in addition to the 9,141-ton British ship Inverlane which was considered a total loss after it struck a mine and burned.

The announcement said that although Britain and neutral countries combined lost many ships last week, Germany was deprived of nearly twice as much tonnage in the scuttling of the liner Columbus (32,000 tons).

The statement listed the following shipping casualties:

The Norwegian ships Rudolph, 624 tons; Poles, 1,574 tons; and the Swedish vessels Lister, 1,562 tons; Mars, 1,577; another Mars of 1,475 tons; Adolphbraut, 1,323; Carl-henckel, 1,251. British ships lost were the Pearl, 196 tons; Compagnus, 270; Serenity, 467; Isabella Greig, 210; Active, 185; Zelos, 227; Trinity, 203; City of Kobe, 4,373; Riverearn, 203; Eileenway, 227; Inverlane, 9,141; Danis Bogo, 1,214; Jytte, 1,877; Panamanian Uke, 797. The 2,211-ton channel steamer, Isle of Sark, missing for three days, arrived safely at Southampton with 200 persons aboard.

## Test to Be Held For Civil Service Jobs in January

Examination will be held during January for fifteen open competition, one license and twelve promotion City Civil Service tests, the Municipal Civil Service Commission announced yesterday. The commission said several of the tests may be postponed because of budgetary considerations.

The commission added that complete information will be made available in the January issue of the Civil Service Bulletin.

Among the jobs to be filled are those of accountant, assistant city planner, associate city planner, car maintainer (groups B and G), city planning director, Civil Service examiner, junior city engineer, personal property appraiser, radio dramatic assistant, senior accountant and signal maintainer (group B).

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## War Talk Menaces Social Laws As City Council Session Nears

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## RED ARMY RENEWS PUSH ON FINN CENTRAL FRONT

### Stalin Acknowledges Greetings on Birthday From Statesmen

Wishes Chiang Kai-shek, Kuusinen, Smashing  
Victories Over Enemies of Chinese, Finnish  
Peoples, Replying to Congratulations

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 25.—Joseph Stalin has replied to foreign statesmen who sent him congratulatory telegrams on his 60th birthday, it was announced today.

To Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, leader of China's war for national liberation, he sent the following message:

"To the head of the Chinese state and the Chinese National Army, Chiang Kai-shek: I thank you for your congratulations and wish you complete victory over the enemies of China."

Other messages included telegrams to Otto Kuusinen Premier and Foreign Minister of the People's Government of the Finnish Democratic Republic, Chobalsan, Head of the Mongolian People's Republic, German Chancellor Adolf Hitler and German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, president Joseph Tiso of Slovakia, and Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian statesmen.

The telegram to Kuusinen said: "To the head of the People's Government of Finland, Comrade Otto Kuusinen: I thank you for your congratulations. I wish the Finnish people and the People's Government of Finland a swift and complete victory over the oppressors of the Finnish people, the Mannerheim-Tanner gang."

The telegram to Herr Hitler said: "To the head of the German state, Herr Adolf Hitler: Please accept my thanks for the congratulations and gratitude for your good wishes for the peoples of the Soviet Union."

The message to von Ribbentrop said: "To the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Germany, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop: I thank you, Herr Minister, for the congratulations. The friendship of the peoples of Germany and the Soviet Union, cemented by blood, has all grounds to be prolonged and stable."

**Two Air Raid  
Alarms Sound  
Near London**

LONDON, Dec. 25 (UP).—Air raid warnings and fire fighters were called from their Christmas dinners today to answer raid-warnings in two Eastern counties. They went back to their tables 20 minutes later when all clear signals were sounded.

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**Sub Chasing  
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Mackay Radio today reported a message from the British tanker Dixcove saying the 3,970-ton vessel was being chased by a submarine about 300 miles south of the Azores.

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(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 25.—The Red Army has resumed its advance in central Finland towards the Finnish seaport of Oulu (Uleaborg), the Red Army announced tonight.

Finnish White-Guard fortified positions were taken by the Red Army by Soviet scouting forces on the Suomalainen sector of the central Finland front, where the White-Guards suffered a serious defeat.

Two Finnish White-Guard battalions were outflanked and routed on the Jolomantsi sector. Many Finnish dead were left on the battlefield, while 35 prisoners were taken.

**6 PLANES DOWNED**

The Soviet air force engaged in reconnaissance flights, shooting down six Finnish warplanes while one of its own craft was presumably lost, not returning to its base.

Heavy fighting also developed on other fronts between scouting detachments exploring ahead of the main body of the Soviet forces.

The latest fighting bulletin was issued by the headquarters of the Leningrad military district, which is conducting the operations in Finland.

**CENTRAL FRONT ACTIVE**  
The communique:

"On Dec. 25 skirmishes of reconnoitering units took place on the front. In a number of areas they developed into serious encounters.

"In the area of the town of Suomalainen Soviet reconnoitering units inflicted on the enemy a serious defeat and occupied the enemy's fortified positions.

"In the area of Jolomantsi Soviet reconnoitering units surrounded and routed two battalions of Finns who left many killed on the battlefield. Thirty-five prisoners of war were taken.

"Soviet aviation made reconnoitering flights. In air combats six enemy airplanes were brought down. One Soviet airplane did not return to its airdrome."

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## Thousands in Mexico City Hail Stalin on Sixtieth Birthday

Carillo Flays U. S. Role In Aid to Mannerheim In 1919 and 1939

By Alfred Miller  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25.—Several thousand Mexican workers, peasants and intellectuals crowded the festively decorated Hidalgo Theatre Thursday night for an enthusiastic celebration of the 60th anniversary of Joseph Stalin's birthday.

Every aisle, every bit of standing room in the old theatre was filled with people who had come to pay homage to the greatest living working class leader.

"Communists and revolutionary workers throughout the world are celebrating today the 60th birthday of our comrade, Joseph Stalin," said Rafael Carrillo, young secretary of the Mexican Communist Party, said, beginning one of the most beautiful and moving speeches he has ever made.

He pictured the different conditions under which this birthday is celebrated in the concentration camps of France and Germany, by the persecuted workers of Italy, Spain and many other countries, by the Finnish and Chinese people in their battles for liberation and by the victorious peoples of the Soviet Union.

Giving a brief outline of "those 60 years of a magnificent life," Carrillo said:

"For us Mexicans it is of great importance to understand what these years have meant for Stalin. In 1919, he came from an oppressed people, struggling for liberation from the Czarist yoke."

### EXPOSES U. S. ROLE

Following Stalin's career from the age of 15, when he began his revolutionary activity, the speaker went into the details of Stalin's activities during the first World War and the wars of intervention against the newly formed socialist state.

He sharply denounced the role during those years of the United States government, which he said, not only sent its own army of intervention against Soviet Russia but lent millions of dollars to the Finnish fascist government to war against the young Workers Republic.

"These millions lent to Mannerheim in 1918 to kill tens of thousands of Finnish working men and women and to fight Socialism are again being lent by the U. S. government to the same Finnish butcher for the very same purpose and many additional millions are being added," Carrillo declared.

Exposing the role of the Wilson Administration, which promised its people to keep them out of war and then had hundreds of thousands of able-bodied men slaughtered for the benefit of the Wall Street bankers, Carrillo declared that indications show that the Roosevelt government is already on the same path.

"While promising peace and the

## Stalin Is Hope of World's Workers, Says Pasionaria

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 25.—"Stalin was born for all the oppressed," Dolores Ibarruri, beloved leader of the Spanish people, known as "La Pasionaria," told a special meeting of leaders of the Soviet Young Communist League celebrating Joseph Stalin's 60th birthday Saturday night at the Hall of Columns in the House of Trade Unions here.

"We know that for the working people of the whole world the name of Stalin is the hope of swift emancipation from the yoke of capitalism," she said.

"With this name on their lips, the working people, led by the Communist International, will overthrow capitalism and achieve Communism."

The meeting was attended by Moscow functionaries of the Y.C.L. of the Soviet Union and participants of the current 10th Plenum of the Central Committee of the Y.C.L.

In the Presiding Committee were A. Shcherbakov, G. Dimitrov, E. Yaroslavsky and D. Manuilsky, Spanish Communist leaders



DOLORES IBARRURI

Jose Diaz and Ibarruri, and three secretaries of the Central Committee of the Y.C.L., Mikhailov, Gromov and Mishakova.

end of Dollar Diplomacy to Latin-American nations, President Wilson bombed Vera Cruz in 1914, and a short time later, Pershing marched into Mexico," the speaker said.

"Today, we have the promises of the Good Neighbor Policy, but already the U. S. government has stated that it will intervene in the oil conflict on behalf of the monopolist companies. Roosevelt has put a semi-embargo on Mexican oil; Wall Street is manipulating currency, and U. S. arms are being smuggled into Mexico to arm the Almazan reactionary forces."

In contrast Carrillo pointed to the role of Stalin in 1918 and now. It was Lenin and Stalin who granted independence to Finland, he said. It is Stalin who has ceded Soviet Karelia to the Finnish people, at the same time aiding them in the fight against the fascist butchers.

Numerous times the speech was interrupted by thundering applause. It ended with vigorous cheers and a jubilant ovation to the leader of the world working class, Comrade Stalin.

The meeting had been called by the District Committee of the Mexican Communist Party, which sat upon the platform. In its midst, together with Valentin Campa, Margarita Nelken, David Si-

queiros and other Communist leaders, James W. Ford was sitting. He was enthusiastically greeted when he brought the greetings of the National Committee of the Communist Party of the United States.

Songs, guitars, and the band of the Ministry of Communications aided greatly in the birthday festivities.

The meeting decided to send a cable "extending fraternal salute to the gifted leader of the world revolution. Congratulations on success of Red Army allied to Finnish people in struggle against imperialism. We solemnly swear to continue struggle against imperialist war in defense of socialist fatherland, in defense of Mexican neutrality, against war provocateurs and Trotsky agents of Dies Committee. Leninism, teachings of Party of Lenin, Stalin, aid us in struggle for development of Mexican Revolution, for liberation of Mexico from foreign exploitation."

### Army to Build Air Bases

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (UP).—The army plans to establish three huge bombing ranges in the Southwest and Far West to provide adequate training facilities for its rapidly expanding air corps and to improve accuracy of its pilots.

## Union-Youth Pact to Be Signed In Mexico

Labor Federation in Joint Program with Youth Movement

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25.—A "Pact of Solidarity and Mutual Aid" between the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) and the Mexican Youth Confederation (CJM) will shortly be signed by the National Committees of both organizations, the CJM announced Saturday.

The Pact, which provides for a close alliance between Mexico's most powerful trade union center and the country's greatest youth organization, is the first of its kind in the country's entire history. It is hailed by workers and young people as one of the most progressive steps to assure and safeguard the development of the Mexican Revolution.

The CTM agrees "to give moral and political aid for the consolidation and development of the CJM," at the same time guaranteeing the complete independence of the youth movement.

The Pact further provides for CJM participation "in all public affairs in support of the youth movement, such as meetings, demonstrations, lectures, conventions, etc., and extension of aid in the study of all problems affecting youth."

The CJM, on the other hand agrees "to develop among the youth of Mexico an understanding of the profound revolutionary and patriotic mission of the CTM, as the representative organization of the proletariat; and to fight against every tendency opposed to the welfare of the working class or tending to break the unity of the C.T.M. ranks."

The youth agrees further "to lend all aid to the movements of struggle of the working class, like strikes, lock-outs, etc., and to agitate for the need for obligatory military instruction of youth, demanded by the CTM as a measure of workers' defense."

The documents' last paragraph provides that the CJM as the united youth organization of a primary educational, recreational and cultural character, agrees to distinguish his action and aims from those of labor organizations. "For this reason," the CJM declares, "the struggle for the economic and labor demands of working class youth, included in the CJM program, must invariably be carried out under the direction of trade union organization."

The pact is expected to be signed by the two national organizations next week and to be ratified by the respective congresses later.

## Citadel of Health



The innumerable new schools, houses, cinemas, theatres, bridges, factories, hospitals . . . which are springing up in all cities and villages of the Soviet Union. These are the living figures of the draft State budget which has just been adopted by the Supreme Soviet of the USSR. Our photo shows a Polyclinic in Moscow which caters for 1,000 people daily.

## War Is Against German People Says British Lord

By Jack Green

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Arriving in Boston to lecture on "The Changing British Empire," Lord Marley, English "labor peer" and chief Opposition whip in the House of Lords, gave to the newspapers the most frank and brutal statement of war aims yet made by any of the British propagandists recently arrived in the USA.

His Lordship was interviewed as he stepped from a bathtub, and maintaining his "typical British poise" even in his underwear, delivered himself of the following:

"The German people, I am sorry to say, must be made to 'take the count' for they have made a nuisance of themselves for 20 centuries. They have always been a fighting race, and the only way their neighbors could keep peace with them was to pay them to fight someone else. That's what we British did in the 19th century. We paid Hessians to fight you in America."

"It will make no difference if Hitler is killed or resigns in favor of Marshal Goering. FORCE MUST BE USED AGAINST THE WHOLE PEOPLE—NOT JUST THE NAZIS." (Emphasis ours.)

Lord Marley accompanied his slanders against the German people (the "Hun" accusations of the last war) by a very frank admission of the role of British imperialism as the strangler of democratic movements and revolutions "with the hands of others." Having failed to make of Hitler a 20th century Hessian against the Soviet Union, British imperialism (in his Lordship's words) declares that the "Allies will be obliged to force a good government upon the Germans."

His extended statement reeked with the vilest chauvinism against the German people, "who lack civil responsibility." "They don't think for themselves," they follow, "meered this lack of Chamberlain, sniffing at the heels of his master."

"The great mass of the (German) population . . . are for whatever the ruling clique is for," declared his Lordship, sitting up and barking for the Cliveden set's edification.

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## White Guard's Jailing of Ebb Arouses Vets

Famous Finnish Leader of Mac Paps in Spain Being Held Under 10-Year Sentence by Mannerheim; Vets Parley Protests

General Mannerheim's persecution of Captain Gunnar Ebb, Finnish commander of the McKenzie-Papineau Battalion, is arousing intense indignation among American veterans, who fought for democracy in Spain at his side.

Letters told the veterans this week that their brave Finnish leader was given a ten-year prison term, as soon as he got back to his native land.

As this news was received at the convention of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion in New York his ex-buddies cried out their desire for a quick victory for the People's Government of Finland, headed by Otto Kuusinen.

That victory will free Ebb.

The young Finnish commander was expelled from France by Premier Daladier's government, with many other Finns. Many of these Finns had joined the MacPaps in Canada, where their parents had brought them after the Mannerheim massacre in 1918.

The Canadian government has refused to take many of these veterans back.

Veterans told the Daily Worker stories of Ebb's incredible calmness and skill under fire. Some fought by his elbow—all knew him by reputation.

Commander Milton Wolff of the veterans' organization; David McKelvy White, national executive secretary; Carl Geiser, Mac-Pap fighter himself and member of the veterans' executive committee; Joseph North, Daily Worker war correspondent and Edwin Rolfe, veteran and author of the "Lincoln Battalion," were talking of Ebb yesterday.

"All the men loved and respected Ebb," said Rolfe. "They would follow him to hell. He was a great soldier as well as a great comrade."

The Finnish commander was a machine gun company leader before he was put in charge of the Mac-Paps. At first, said Rolfe, Ebb was a sub commander under the famous Finn Nilo Makela, who was killed during the March retreat.

"Ebb was one of the strongest men I ever knew," said Rolfe. "He never seemed to tire during the hardest marches. He never lost his baby-pink complexion. After 18 months of war he seemed only 25 years old, though he was probably in his early thirties."

RECALLS TERUEL  
The Finnish commander won wide recognition at the Teruel battle, when he commanded the Finnish-Ukrainian section of the machine gun company.

"Ebb and his men held their ground for a long time under almost impossible conditions," said Rolfe. "They sustained the worst artillery barrage that had been fired until that time."

Rolfe's book has an interesting bit on this fight.

"The MacPaps took the brunt of the action concentrated on the left flank," it said. "They were pounded by artillery . . . in such inconceivable concentration that the crest of the hill defended by their third company was leveled by no fewer than six feet."

The hill was of chalk. Chalk dust clogged the machine gun mechanisms. Shells blasted the gunners themselves. Still Ebb and a group of men stuck by their Russian Maxim and cut the enemy soldiers down.

At last they had to flee but the delay they had won was of inestimable value.

An American, Joe Dallet, it is interesting to know, was Ebb's first comrade. Joe died in the first engagement.

The veterans here say that Ebb was the Finnish counterpart of Major Robert Merriman, who became chief of staff of the International Brigade. He had the same good humor and confidence. He was like Merriman physically, too, with the same type of long, powerful torso.

Frank Rogers, Spanish war veteran, now in Chicago, where he is an organizer for the Chicago local union of the United Furniture Workers Union, has informed veterans here that Ebb can receive letters. They should be addressed in care of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion at 55 West 42nd Street.

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## Chinese Traitors Admit Failure of Splitting Tactics

# In Two Years the War Has Become Real Battle of the Masses Against Invading Japanese Imperialists; Rear Guard Stronger

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, China, Dec. 25.—The Chinese people are confident in final victory, but they have already experienced and know what difficulties and privations accompany their struggle for national liberation, what great sacrifices it requires. The people and their leaders understand that the most dangerous threat for the war of national liberation is the attempts of the Japanese invaders to split the unity of the masses, to enslave China by the hands of the Chinese themselves.

Japanese imperialism has from the very outset of the war endeavored to cause a split in the Kuomintang and the Government, using for this end the dregs of Chinese society, of the type of Wang Ching-wei. In the territory occupied by the Japanese, in Peiping, Nanking, Hankow and Canton, puppet governments have been established. This has all been done with a view to enslaving China by the hands of the Chinese themselves, to introduce division and disintegration into the ranks of the Chinese Government and the Kuomintang, to shake and disorganize the ranks of the fighters for the national independence of China.

TACTIC FAILS  
These efforts of the Japanese imperialists have invariably failed. The puppet governments have proved to be helpless. The Chinese population of the occupied provinces do not recognize the hirelings of the Japanese, and do not hide their hatred and contempt for them.

One of these hirelings, Weng Tung-yao, chairman of the Leg-

islative Chamber of the puppet Nanking government, in a declaration on Oct. 8 gave the following estimation of the "activity" of the puppet governments established by the Japanese:

"After two years of endeavors, this Administration is not only not in a position to compel the people to give up their support for the National Government of China, but has also suffered defeat in its attempts to pacify the people. Although we write and shout with all our strength about the establishment of various governments, the people call us traitors."

We must give his due to this stunkie of the Japanese: He knows how to look the truth straight in the face and does not fear to call things by their own names.

The people not only call the stooges of the Japanese by the name of traitors, but answer the efforts of the invaders of China to "pacify" the occupied regions with heroic guerrilla warfare.

"Guerrilla warfare in China," Chu-Teh has pointed out, "is the anti-Japanese war of the wide masses of the people, the war of the whole of the Chinese people."

"In the guerrilla units millions of courageous and strong Chinese fighters are in the most difficult conditions going through the school of struggle not for the sake of titles or riches, not for the sake of their personal interests, but for the sake of the national existence of China."

The most important communication lines of the Japanese army are under the blows of the guerrilla units. The big towns occupied by

the Japanese have repeatedly been the object of guerrilla attacks. The activity of the guerrillas is paralyzing the efforts of the Japanese invaders to master the occupied territory.

The partisans have penned the Japanese within the walls of different towns and in blockhouses along the main communication lines. All the remaining territory occupied by the Japanese is in fact under the control of partisan units and is administered by officials of the Central Chinese Government.

The partisan movement has drawn enormous masses of people into its ranks, and is inflicting incalculable moral, political and material damage on the Japanese invaders. The very fact of the existence of the mass partisan movement, and the helplessness of the Japanese imperial army to destroy it, show that the Japanese, having staked on enslaving China by the hands of the Chinese themselves, have lost.

### STRONG REAR GUARD

The confidence of the Chinese people in their final victory is also based on the fact that in the course of the war of national liberation a strong, efficient army and rear has been established that can satisfy wartime demands.

The Chinese National Government, supported by the entire people, has done a great amount of work in creating a base in the rear. New industrial regions have come into existence in the provinces in the heart of the country. Three hundred and forty industrial enterprises that were evacuated from the old industrial centers conquered by

the Japanese, have renewed work in a new area, in the province of Szechuan and adjacent provinces. In the year 1938 alone, 204 new coal mines were opened. Energetic prospecting work is being done in seeking out and working up reserves of industrial raw materials. New factories and industrial plants are being built. Government expenditures on economic reconstruction are reaching the sum of 400,000,000 Chinese dollars a year.

An entirely new form of organization—industrial cooperatives—has made its appearance in Chinese industry. Thirty thousand of these cooperatives have come into being in a short space of time. They play a considerable role in supplying the army with arms and equipment.

A great amount of attention is being paid to the development of communications and railways, especially of the roads leading through the southwestern provinces into Indo-China and Burma. Energetic work is being done in building railroads and highways. The Honan-Kweilin railroad is completed. At the beginning of 1940, the Yunnan-Burma railroad is to begin operations. Nearly 3,000 miles of new telephone lines have begun to function; over 2,000 miles of line are in the process of construction. Measures are being taken to develop air communications. The Chungking-Burma air line recently began to function.

The great successes in economically mastering the natural riches of the provinces in the heart of the country show that the Chinese people are emerging with honor from all the difficulties being cre-

ated by the war. Their rear base established in the provinces in the heart of the country, has stood a two-years' test and has shown that it is capable of providing for both the army in action and the population occupied in defense of industrial enterprises and in agriculture.

### SUCCESSFUL STRATEGY

Since the end of last year, military operations in China have developed in general outline as follows: After the unsuccessful efforts to surround and destroy China's main armed forces at Nanking and in the region of Suichow, after the capture of Canton and Hankow (1938), which did not bring the desired victory to the Japanese, since they again failed to destroy the Chinese Army, relative calm set in at the front. The Japanese command at that time were faced with the fact that their strategic plans for the war had failed. The conquest of part of Chinese territory brought no results. The Chinese army completely maintained its fighting capacity. The war dragged on, hopes of speedy victory disappeared.

The Chinese command, on the contrary, had every ground for being able to note that the principles which it had made the basis of its strategic plan—a war against the aggressor, had completely justified themselves. The war as it dragged out thoroughly shook up the economic life and the armed forces of the enemy. The further dragging out of the war threatened Japanese imperialism with still greater difficulties. The Chinese, at the cost of some losses of territory,

maintained an army capable of fighting the aggressors, of enfeebling and undermining them, and then of inflicting a final crushing blow on them.

It was in accordance with this that the Chinese command steered a course for dragging out the war and wearing down the enemy, and built its war plans.

After the fall of Hankow, the Japanese army for almost five months undertook no big offensive operations. The Chinese command at that time undertook guerrilla action on an extensive scale in the rear of the Japanese army.

In April, the Chinese undertook a series of successful attacks along the whole length of the huge front from Kaifan to Canton, and won back over 70 towns. The Japanese losses, killed and wounded, amounted to several tens of thousands of men.

The Japanese command, compelled to reinforce the units at the front with new units from the districts in the rear, proved incapable of carrying through the offensive projected on the central front and was compelled for a time to stop the struggle against the partisan units that was being conducted on an extensive scale.

OFFENSIVE BROKEN  
In the autumn of 1939, the Japanese army undertook two big attempts to crush the Chinese troops in the Shansi Province and to the south of the River Yangtze. In the region of Iochow, the Japanese concentrated a strong group of troops, amounting to nearly four infantry divisions. Another group of Japanese troops was concentrated in the northwestern part of Kiangsi province. Both groups were reinforced with technical units, and consid-

nese regular troops and partisan units operated for a long time. The region of their operations cut like a sharp wedge into the territory occupied by the Japanese. Four railroads—the Taiyuan-Chenting, Tangtung-Puchow, Peiping-Hankow and Lunhai—were flanked by the Chinese troops from the north, west, east and south. The Japanese command decided to surround the Chinese troops and to wipe them out.

In July the Japanese troops undertook an offensive in nine directions. Considerable forces and technical resources were drawn into the offensive. The first period of the offensive showed some success for the Japanese soldiers. They succeeded in capturing various towns. However, the Chinese troops by a bold drive in the flank of the attacking Japanese units smashed the ring that was tightening around them and won back lost cities.

In the autumn the Japanese again attempted an offensive in Shansi province. But on each occasion the Chinese troops beat off the offensive. The Japanese paid dearly for their attempt to surround the Chinese troops. In August alone their losses in Northern China amounted to over 11,000 men.

In September the Japanese command after lengthy preparations, began a big offensive operation to the south of the Yangtze River. To the north of Changsha, in the region of Iochow, the Japanese concentrated a strong group of troops, amounting to nearly four infantry divisions. Another group of Japanese troops was concentrated in the northwestern part of Kiangsi province. Both groups were reinforced with technical units, and consid-

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## Acute Crisis Grips Industry Despite Reported Upturn

Labor Research Association Cites Increase in Unemployment to 12,000,000 in Reporting U. S. Trade Outlook for 1940

Despite the fact that industrial production in this country has just reached the highest point on record, all the factors of acute economic crisis remain unsolved and will grow worse, the Labor Research Survey points out in its January issue of its monthly "Economic Notes."

The LRA survey estimates that there are 12,000,000 unemployed, that wages are well below the level of so-called prosperity years, that new investments for industrial expansion are almost non-existent, and that building construction is way below the days prior to the present decade.

Excerpts from the LRA survey entitled "Outlook for 1940," follow:

The year 1939 ended with business activity at the highest point on record measured by Federal Reserve Board's index of industrial production (1923-25=100). It was estimated to be at about 125 for December compared with 104 a year ago, and 125 in June, 1929. Since 1929 United States population has increased by about 6.5 per cent, so that on a per capita basis industrial production is still well below the levels of pre-crisis years.

Although the activity figures now look comparatively favorable it is obvious that the country is still in a condition of relative depression. There are still over 12 million out of jobs, wages are well below "prosperity" peaks, agricultural income is down, new capital issues are almost non-existent and new investments in factories and commercial buildings as well as railroad equipment is, as we have frequently pointed out, far below the days when capitalism was on the up-grade in this country and the world.

As the new year opens, swarms of business "leaders" and their economists are, as usual, filling the pages of the newspapers with prophecies for the coming period. There seems to be more than the usual difference of opinion as to what the trend of production and trade will be in 1940. Most forecasters agree, however, that the outbreak of the second imperialist war was the signal for a rise in production of about 25 per cent in the last four months. The question now posed is whether this gain can be sustained and whether the war will continue to stimulate American business. Or has production already outrun the possibilities of consumption in this uncertain and dynamic period?

### WILL THE WAR BOOM LAST?

Continuance and probable broadening of the war will undoubtedly be the main factor affecting the course of production in the next 12 months. However, its precise effects on American business cannot easily be determined in advance. So much depends upon the direction and extent of hostilities, now intensified by the frenzied anti-Soviet campaign in this country and in the Allied nations. It is also determined by the extent to which this country will be called upon to help British and French imperialism in the form of credits, and how great the sales to these countries may be.

In spite of these political and military imponderables we can hazard a few estimates of the probable course of economic events in the coming year. These are made on the assumption that the war does not become much more intensified before summer or fall and also on the assumption that the Johnson Act is not repealed and hence credits not extended to the Allies. Here are a few of the items that can be covered in a current forecast, subject to all the above qualifications and reservations:

1. **Industrial output:** The "war boom" has greatly increased inventories in many important industries such as textiles, steel and metals. Most manufacturers have covered their requirements from three to six months ahead. Neither domestic consumption nor exports to the Allies or to markets formerly supplied by the belligerent countries, can expand enough in the next few months to take off the market the products turned out at present level of activity.

First conclusion about 1940, therefore, would be that business will move down substantially from present level and possibly not reach that level again during the year. As a whole we might expect Federal Reserve Board index for the year as a whole to be about equal to or slightly above 1939 as a whole, when

it averaged about 106. It is likely that the monthly index at some point during the course of the year will drop to about 20 per cent below the level of December, 1939.

2. **Prices:** Expected that prices of many commodities will increase because of the war. Buying by the Allies, difficulties in getting certain raw materials from abroad and the United States armament program will tend to build up prices of many raw materials. Despite the huge supply of cotton in this country cotton prices have been "firmer" in recent weeks, due in part to the rise in Japan and other foreign markets. As a whole the commodity price level is likely to tend upward in 1940 and the cost of living will move along with it.

3. **Employment and payrolls** will probably show a downward trend beginning early in the year. For the year as a whole the indexes may be about the same as in 1939.

4. **Farm income** will probably be as high, or higher, than in 1939. The rise in prices in wheat and other grains may bring an increase in farm income unless drought should offset higher prices with lower marketable crops. Winter wheat crop outlook is now said to be the poorest, with one exception, in the present century.

5. **Government spending** will be lower than in 1939, largely due to the sharp reduction in public works expenditures and the cut in WPA which together will more than offset the increase in the outlays for the army and navy.

6. **Retail trade** will probably be a little higher than in 1939, but well below 1937 and far under the level of 1929.

7. **Construction activity** will be about the same as last year. Some increase in residential building, public utility construction and factory and commercial building will be offset by the sharp decline in public works.

8. **Steel industry** may average about the same as in 1939, when it operated at an average rate, for the year as a whole, of about 68 per cent. Trend in this industry is likely to be sharply downward during the first half of 1940.

9. **Automobile output** may be about the same or a little above level of 1939, when approximately 3,750,000 cars and trucks were produced. 10. **Textile industry** will open the year at a relatively high level of activity and then suffer a sharp decline, due to the heavy inventories now being accumulated.

11. **Aircraft companies** will show an enormous increase in output and profits, as will certain other industries engaged on war orders for the United States and foreign countries. Shipbuilding industry will be at the highest level since 1920.

In general, our analysis indicates that for a considerable part of 1940 business will be on the downgrade from the present high level to one about equal to that obtaining before the outbreak of the war. In any event our domestic, social and economic problems will continue on an even more acute plane than in the semi-depression year just passed.

### Civil War Sweetheart Dies

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 25 (UP).—Funeral services will be held tomorrow for 103-year-old Frances Knapp who never married after her sweetheart was killed in the civil war.

She was born and spent her entire life in Sullivan County.

### Library Sent to Spanish Refugees in Mexico

Lillian Hellman, chairman of Spanish Intellectual Aid, announced today that a shipment of 500 books, art, scientific journals, and music will be sent to the Junta de Cultura Espanola library at Mexico City as a New Year's gift for the use of Spanish intellectuals in exile there.

The books were donated by the Argosy Book Shop, Ritz Book Auction, Biblio and Tannen's, R. R. Bowker Co., Modern Age Books, and the libraries of Swarthmore College, the University of Virginia, and Washburn College. Individual contributors included Mrs. Charles Moore, Miss Betty Turner, and Mr. Jerome Brooks.

Mr. Henry Seidel Canby has donated a year's subscription to the Saturday Review of Literature to this library.

Miss Holman, author of such Broadway productions as "The Children's Hour" and the current

## Train Crew Is Killed in Okla. Engine Blast

Terrific Explosion Blows Engine to Bits; Bodies Hurled Far

CHOCTAW, Okla., Dec. 25 (UP).—The engineer and fireman of a Rock Island freight train were killed today in a boiler explosion which literally blew the engine to pieces. The accident occurred two miles east of here.

The dead were Otis L. Henderson, the engineer, and Walter A. Crow, the fireman. Three other crew members of the three-car freight escaped injury by falling to the floor of the caboose.

The blast left only the engine wheels on the tracks. The bodies of Henderson and Crow were found many feet away.

The accident occurred on the main line of the road. A wrecking crew was dispatched from El Reno to clear the tracks for regularly scheduled trains.

## Boast of Rail Bosses Bares Low Pay Scale

Pamphlet Tells How Service Has Multiplied; Wages Unimproved

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—"Railroads Are Ready," a pamphlet comparing the roads of 1939 to 1918, issued by the Association of American Railroads, revealed that "the hourly output of transportation of each train averages more than twice as much" as in World War days.

This was seen as an illuminating revelation not only on the capacity of the roads for a war economy, but also on the fact that the cry of high wages by the roads is groundless. For a 100 per cent increase in train and engine service, the roads are today actually paying no more wages.

## FDR Won't Run Unless There's a Crisis—Murphy

DETROIT, Dec. 25 (UP).—The Detroit News today attributed to U. S. Attorney General Frank Murphy the prediction that President Roosevelt will seek a third term "only in case of a dire national emergency."

"President Roosevelt can, of course, win reelection easily if he should decide to run," the News quoted Murphy. "However, it is difficult for me to conceive of his becoming a candidate unless forced to do so by some national emergency. Of course that is just a personal opinion."

Murphy, here to spend Christmas with members of his family, named Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., as the leading Republican Presidential candidate, but refused to discuss his own political future.

## CIO Building Trades Signs W. Va. Contract

FAIRMOUNT, W. Va., Dec. 25.—The United Construction Workers Organizing Committee of the CIO signed its second agreement with the Hammond Fire Brick Company. The workers get a wage increase ranging from 11 to 17 per cent, time and a half for overtime; seniority rights and a check-off on dues.

## Cancer Specialist Dies

Dr. George Emerson Brewer, 78, cancer specialist considered one of the nation's leading surgeons until his retirement 12 years ago died yesterday in the Medical Center where he was taken Dec. 14 suffering from uremia.

## Ready for a Flight



PRETTIFY UP FOR A TRIP INTO THE CLOUDS: Marie Walsh, Joan Ruth Strengin and Madeleine Dubbe, students of Adelphi College, Brooklyn, who are enrolled in a flying course at Roosevelt Field, N. Y., apply make-up before donning parachutes for their first instruction flight.

## People's World Goes Over the Top in Drive

Emergency Campaign for \$13,000 Is Success in Midst of Reactionary Attacks on Paper Supporting Soviet Policy

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—One of the most dramatic stories of the week here, with important political implication, was the successful financial "push" of The People's World, left wing daily, that netted \$13,000 in two weeks.

Engaged in a drive for a \$50,000 sustaining fund, The People's World found itself on December 2 with less than \$17,000 in the till and only 29 days to go until the end of the campaign.

After some serious discussion, the management decided that unless \$27,500 was raised by Dec. 17, the paper would have to be reduced from six pages to four, to make possible continued publication.

An announcement to that effect was made to the readers. The response was magnificent and on Dec. 17, little more than \$30,000 had been raised.

SUPPORTED SOVIET POLICY  
This was more money than has ever been raised before in a similar period of time by the paper in its close to two years of existence.

It is significant that the emergency appeal was made on Dec. 2, two days after the outbreak of armed hostilities on the Finnish frontier. The paper, of course, has taken a consistent stand in defense of the Soviet Union, and thus was a target of the general reactionary war hysteria let loose in the country.

Despite this, it came through with flying colors, and revealed that its readers were willing to support it and its policy by deeds.

While a major portion of the funds was raised through the organized activities of sympathetic groups and organizations, including the Communist Party, the response of individual readers, many of them in outlying localities where they have no direct organized contact with the progressive movement, has been remarkable.

Coin cards, containing openings for the insertion of coins, were mailed to all subscribers. In a week's time, 500 of these were returned with an average sum of \$1.30 per card.

## Auction Merchandise

PROGRESSIVE RANKS FIRM  
An even more significant indication of the firm ranks in the militant progressive movement here is the fact that in October and November, the months of crisis, The People's World registered the highest percentage of renewals of existing subs in its entire history. In one locality, the percentage of renewal was 30 to 40 per cent greater than the two months than the past average.

Generally, the renewal percentage was 20 per cent above the former average.

While this can be traced to an improved organization for the securing of renewals, it is also a political indication that the readers are standing by the paper in the present complex international and domestic situation.

These facts provide an answer to those gloomy prophets who have been periodically writing epitaphs for the "left wing" movement.

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## Shippers Seek To Provoke Strike—NMU

Curran Cites Deliberate Stall Tactics Used by Line Spokesmen

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National Council to take any and all steps necessary to bring about a successful conclusion of contract negotiations.

Curran's letter follows:

"Since our last meeting on Thursday, Dec. 14, you have failed to notify us in accordance with the agreement reached at that meeting as to the date for our next meeting.

"Instead you informed, by telephone, the Chairman of the Union's Negotiating Committee, Mr. Howard McKenna, on Monday, Dec. 18, that the American Merchant Marine Institute would not participate in further negotiations with the National Maritime Union unless the union was willing to abandon its position on questions of union hiring, wages, etc.

"We have made it clear on numerous occasions that we cannot negotiate the constitution of the union with the shipowners. The membership of the union has drafted this constitution and it is they and they alone who can change this constitution by democratic referendum—and not the Negotiating Committee.

"The present system of hiring as it now operates in the present agreement was specifically drafted in the Constitution at our first convention in 1937. We therefore wish to make our position clear in view of what we believe to be an impossible demand on the part of the employers.

"We feel that negotiations cannot proceed properly in an atmosphere where we are flatly informed that unless we are prepared to abandon our position on such fundamental principles, it is useless to continue negotiations.

"Since we are nearing the completion of our National Strike referendum, and an agreement has not yet been reached, we wish to again express our firm conviction that a peaceful settlement of the issues involved should be reached, mutually satisfactory to all parties concerned.

"The National Maritime Union is not only willing, but is desirous of continuing negotiations and exploring every possible avenue to reach a satisfactory settlement of the various questions involved before the referendum is completed."

## Planes for Coast Patrol

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UP).—The Coast Guard, it was learned today, has asked Congress for funds to purchase 15 huge patrol planes, similar to the navy's big flying boats, for use in connection with its neutrality patrol duty arising from the European war.

## 4,500 Seamen Dine At NMU Christmas Fete in Union Hall

Women's Auxiliary and Stewardesses Are in Charge of Dinner—Send Gifts to Members In Jails, Hospitals

Headquarters of the National Maritime Union, at 126 Eleventh Avenue, on the waterfront, was the scene of a mass celebration of Christmas Day when 4,500 seamen tucked away thousands of pounds of roast turkey, ham, mince pie and all the trimmings.

Present at the dinner was Joseph Curran, union president and a group of N.M.U. officials who took part in the union festivities.

The huge dinner was arranged by the Women's Auxiliary of the N.M.U. under the direction of Miss Frances Bryant, auxiliary president.

**XMAS GIFTS TO PRISONERS**  
Meanwhile, the auxiliary yesterday sent Christmas boxes to 37 NMU members in prison, mostly convicted in labor and strike cases, in addition to boxes of presents to seamen in hospitals.

The headquarters dinner was given by the union for the benefit of unemployed seamen, many of whom have been thrown on the beach since the beginning of the imperialist war.

The menu, Miss Bryant said, consisted of roast turkey, ham, potato salad, cranberry sauce, celery, cider, candy and nuts.

The NMU auxiliary is composed of the wives, daughters and female relatives of the union seamen.

## Breaks Jail, Man Nabbed at Farm House

Cops Arrest Him at Same Spot He Fled to on a Previous Escape

CATSKILL, N. Y., Dec. 25 (UP).—Joseph D. Kearsing was returned to the Greene County jail under heavy guard today. He was captured at gunpoint in the same farmhouse where he sought refuge seven years ago after his first prison break.

Kearsing wanted on a burglary charge, escaped last week on the day he was to be sentenced as a third offender. He slugged a 70-year old guard and darted from the Catskill Mountain jail.

He was captured at a farmhouse 15 miles from Albany, N. Y., where he was apprehended after his first escape from Great Meadow Prison at Comstock, N. Y.

State police had suspected Kearsing would again seek refuge at the farmhouse. They made frequent visits there and on their last trip, noticed a parked automobile bearing Massachusetts license plates.

Sergeant James Rose and Corporal E. F. Merkle entered the farmhouse with drawn guns. Kearsing was subdued without a struggle, but State police reported he made a futile attempt to escape while being returned to the prison.

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# War Talk Looms To Menace Social Laws in New York

New City Council Will Find Lines Crossed; With Minorities Within Minorities; LaGuardia Sounds Ominous Note on Funds

(Continued from Page 1)

Charles E. Keegan and Joseph E. Kinsey, Flynn machine Democrats from the Bronx; and Frederick Scheick, Richmond machine Democrat.

On the minority side: Genevieve B. Earle, Minority Leader and Brooklyn Fusionist; Robert K. Straus, Manhattan Fusionist; Alfred E. Smith Jr., Manhattan Independent Democrat; Salvatore Ninfo, Bronx A. L. P. connected with the Social Democratic Federation; Harry W. Laidler, Brooklyn A. L. P. and member of the Norman Thomas group of the Socialist Party; Thomas Clark Baldwin, Manhattan machine Republican; and John M. Christensen, Queens machine Republican.

This new Council was elected and will take office during a period of war, when the reactionary demand is being raised on all sides for the scrapping of social legislation.

The cue was given in Washington. Already President Roosevelt is scuttling social legislation, and in the name of "war emergency" the New Dealers are merging with the Garnettites.

## A WAR NOTE

An ominous sign locally was Mayor LaGuardia's prediction that the city would henceforth have to make its budget with an eye on a possible "war emergency."

The Democrats, no doubt, will feel emboldened by this war hysteria and attempt to do a worse job than they did last year.

The Laborites, who, under the leadership of Alex. Rose, did not put up a real fight for social legislation during the election campaign and ran on a pro-war platform, indicate they will be the first to jump on the war band wagon.

As the line-up now stands the Democratic machine majority is the most solidly united group. Its policies, past activities of its members indicate, will be formed chiefly with the greater aim of compromising, discrediting and politically wrecking the any progressive program.

The aim of this group will be to take leadership in legislative matters in such a way as to confuse the main issue of municipal social legislation and attempt to hand the city's executive office over to Judge William O'Dwyer, Democratic machine man, in 1941.

## PATRONAGE FIGHTS

Within the Democratic majority, however, there are differences—not differences in principle particularly, but differences growing out of patronage struggles and personal and group political ambition, mostly of a mercenary and power politics character.

For instance, one can expect Charles E. Keegan, who has Congressional ambitions, to get in sharp conflict with his colleague Joseph E. Kinsey.

Tammany Democrats will disagree on some points with Brooklyn Democrats, who are in the majority and are in a position to gobble up what patronage is left to the Council.

Burke and Quinn will no doubt continue their long-standing unprincipled feud over matters in Queens, each trying to outdo the other in demagoguery. Both gentlemen

are aiming at the Queens Borough presidency.

Yet Burke, Quinn and Conrad are united on the question of patronage for the Queens Democratic organization. They can be expected to unite with Tammany in opposing administration social measures.

There will be borough groupings in which Democrats and Republicans will unite. Salvatore Ninfo, the Laborite, found himself supporting bad legislation in the last Council in such a local line-up.

## THE MINORITY LEADER

In the majority group, John Cashmore will still hold the whip which he took over from Tammany Hall two years ago. And Cashmore's legislative record since then was not an admirable one.

Persons interested in the advancement of social legislation believe that when the minority—which is indeed one of many philosophies—picked Mrs. Earle as their leader they made the best choice.

Her record during the last two years was good. But, like many liberals, she lacked firmness often on labor questions such as displayed by the trained labor leader and defeated councilman, Michael J. Quill.

Mrs. Earle and Straus are of the same school of liberal thought.

Smith has indicated that he is in the Mayor's corner.

## TWO RED-BAITERS

Records of past activities show Laidler and Ninfo in the red-baiting camp. And if they continue along lines of their old policies they will be united with Tammany, the Republicans and the F.B.I. in the anti-red and pro-war crusade.

Baldwin and Christensen are out-and-out old guard Republicans, the right wing of the minority. Their method in the past has been to oppose Tammany as a matter of political strategy but to unite with the boys from the Wigwam in blocking far-reaching labor legislation.

The Council, therefore, is not a promising one. But one should not lose hope for the coming year. The voice of the people can be and should be a factor in deciding legislative matters.

The chief municipal questions that the people, through their organizations, must keep before the Council are low rent housing, unemployment relief, protection of the consumer, collective bargaining, keeping the schools open, advancement of the health services and improvement of the vital services.

## RELIEF NEEDED

It is necessary at this time for the people to insist that the Council, regardless of party lines, definitely encourage the movement for greater contributions from the State for New York City relief purposes.

The Council should encourage in every way the maintenance and extension of W.P.A. projects so that those who are today unable to find work in private industry will be given an opportunity to work.

The demand of the people of New York that this country shall stay out of the European war, that civil liberties be guarded for all and that so-called war emergency budgeting be halted should be voiced strongly in the new Council.

Every effort should be made to force through the Bread, Meat and



RIGHT, Stalin and Voroshilov in the Kremlin. This picture is a reproduction of a painting by the famous Soviet artist Gerasimov. Stalin recently received worldwide greetings from the working class on the occasion of his 60th birthday. Photo above shows Stalin at his desk.



## North Sea Fog Hides Fight Off Nazi Air Base

ESBJERG, Denmark, Dec. 25 (UP).—Heavy cannonading off the islands off Fanoe and Roem just north of the German air base at Sylt was heard for 30 minutes today.

Due to a heavy fog it could not be learned whether the activity involved ships or planes.

Travelers from Roem Island said they observed unusually heavy traffic all day from Sylt, mostly fishing and non-military boats, leading to rumors that the Isle of Sylt was being partially evacuated.

## Nine Locked in Depot, Robbers Flee with Cash

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 25.—Two robbers locked nine men and women in restrooms early today while they wrecked the safe in the Central Stage Depot and fled with \$8,700.

An employee coming on duty a half hour later released the victims.

Pure Food and Drug Bills, all designed to protect the millions of consumers in the city.

More and more effort should be exerted to protect collective bargaining through local legislation.

Greater effort will be needed next year than ever before to maintain and expand all vital public services: the parks, baby health stations, playgrounds, hospitals, clinics, schools, libraries and institutions of higher learning.

Now, more than ever before, the progressive program on which La Guardia was elected should be carried out. Any retreat before advancing war hysteria would spell disaster to the people of the City of New York.

## Dutch Schultz Mobster Found Dead in Bronx

Gangro, Minor Policy Man, Strangled by Wire Noose

The body of James Cangro, 44, identified by police as a small-time policy operator, identified with the Dutch Schultz gang, was found today in a vacant lot in the Bronx.

He had been strangled with a piece of wire. Police said that he was one of seven men arrested in a raid on one of the late Dutch Schultz's policy offices in Harlem in 1935. He came to trial later but was acquitted.

## Dionne Family Attends Quints Xmas Party

CALLANDER, Ont., Dec. 25 (UP).—The Dionne quintuplets, rapidly growing out of the "baby" stage, today celebrated their fifth Christmas as hostesses to their parents and brothers and sisters.

A big turkey, with all the trimmings, was shared early this afternoon by the combined Dionnes.

## Keep Up Fight Urges Britain's King in Message

SANDRINGHAM, Norfolk, Eng., Dec. 25 (UP).—King George VI today broadcast to the British Empire a Christmas message reiterating "determination to persevere until victory is assured."

## STALIN AND VOROSHILOV, SOVIET LEADERS

## LaFollette Quiz Hears Trusts Paid Vigilantes

Lists Huge Sums Given To Associated Farmers In California

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—La Follette Committee investigators, checking the source of finances for the Associated Farmers, which is now planning to extend its anti-union drive nationally, found contributions between 1934 and 1939 totaled \$77,941.51.

Belying the claim by the outfit that it is a "farmers' organization, is the disclosure that the heavy contributions came from the Southern Pacific Railroad, Santa Fe Railroad, Pacific Gas and Electric, San Francisco Industrial Ass'n., Southern Californians Inc. (the last two leading open shop organizations), three large oil firms, four banks, the Cannery League of California and Dried Fruits Assn., and three large sugar companies.

## Holiday Week-End Brings Death Toll to 336

A United Press survey showed Monday night that violence in its various forms—traffic, railroad and airplane accidents, fires, shootings, drownings—took at least 336 lives during the Yuletide week-end.

As usual, traffic accidents paced the death parade. Slippery highways, excessive speed and collision killed at least 246—three times more than from all other causes combined.

At least 22 persons perished in fires, while 23 others took their own lives. Drownings, shootings, and other forms of violence accounted for 45 lives.

California led all states in the number of violent deaths, 26 of which resulted from traffic mishaps and six from fires. Michigan was second with 32 fatalities, 27 of them on highways. Illinois was third with 39 deaths, with traffic accidents responsible for 20 of them.

An aged couple died in a San Francisco hotel fire which for a time threatened to trap 150 other guests.

One of the most unusual automobile deaths occurred at St. Paul where Earl Anger, 35, was run down and killed by the car he was cranking.

## Heart Attack Kills Retired Judge Here

John F. O'Brien, 65, retired associate justice of the New York Court of Appeals, died today after a heart attack.

He had been in ill health a number of years. O'Brien was appointed to the State's highest court by Alfred E. Smith in 1927 for a 14-year term. His resignation was accepted by Gov. Herbert H. Lehman two weeks ago.

O'Brien, born in Watertown, N. Y., was graduated from Georgetown University in 1896. He is survived by his widow and two sons.

## Waterfront Hails Defense Levy

Section Which Proposed Special Levy Pledges Wholehearted Response As Answer To Dies, Warmakers

The statement by William Z. Foster, chairman of the National Committee of the Communist Party, announcing a special assessment to bolster the Communist defense fund to combat the increasing attacks of the warmakers, was quickly answered yesterday by the Waterfront Section

which pledged to be first over the top in completing the levy.

A declaration issued by the Waterfront Committee through Al Lannon, section organizer, pointed out that the proposal for the special assessment originated with the waterfront comrades:

"The proposal for a special assessment having originated in the Waterfront Section now imposes upon us the special obligation to see that it is fulfilled 100 per cent."

"This proposal was enthusiastically endorsed by the entire section membership as an answer to the infamous Dies Committee and as an expression of support to our Party as the staunchest and foremost fighter against the imperialist war," the statement continued.

## RALLY TO BROWDER

"For the same reason we feel that this special assessment will meet with the wholehearted response by the entire Party."

"The Waterfront Section completed and overfulfilled its Drive quota, and will now rally in defense of Comrade Browder and in support of our glorious Party by pledging to have its complete membership paid up on the special assessment."

The levy, as announced in yesterday's Daily Worker by Comrade Foster, is for the purpose of raising a special \$50,000 defense fund in the quickest possible time. The assessment in \$1 and 50-cent stamps, the National Committee pointed out, "will be used only for the purpose of defraying legal expenses."

One half of the fund will be held in readiness to meet legal expenses in the struggle against the Wall Street warmongers' attacks on the Party, and the other half will be deposited with the Defense Committee for Civil Rights for Communists, headed by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn.

The resolution protested against "the anti-democratic trial of Earl Browder, friend of the Mexican people, defender of President Cardenas' oil policy, champion of peace, who is working to preserve United States neutrality and the peace of the continent."

## Boy, 7, Hits Jackpot In Peruvian Lottery

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 25 (UP).—A ticket which cost only one sol (17 cents in U. S. currency) today won first prize in a private lottery for seven-year-old Ismael Soriano Wagner.

The prize consists of a furnished house worth 25,000 soles, an automobile worth 6,500 soles, and 500 soles in cash.

## 2 Ships Ready to Aid Dutch Freighter

CRESCENT CITY, Cal., Dec. 25 (UP).—Two ships stood by tonight, ready to give assistance to the Dutch freighter Salawati which "radioed it was in difficulties" off point St. George, 30 miles northwest of here in the Pacific.

The Richfield tanker Topila and the Coast Guard cutter Shawnee answered the appeal and reached the Salawati within a few hours.

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## A Leaflet by Stalin From Prison

# Co-Workers in Early Struggles Tell How He Led Them From Jail; Keeping Contact Through Ruse With Outside

By G. Kaladze

In 1902 I was employed at the Rothschild works in Batum and belonged to the Batum Social-Democratic organization, which was founded and was led by Comrade Stalin.

In April, 1902, Comrade Stalin was arrested and incarcerated in the Batum prison. We all began to look about for ways of establishing contact with him, but our first efforts were without success.

Soon I met a fellow-villager of mine who used to deliver fire-wood to the prison. He and his mate, a driver called Mikh, agreed to get me into the prison-yard as a worker employed on stacking the wood.

Having got their agreement, I began to enquire as to what time Stalin was let out for exercise, so that we could arrive with the wood at that time.

At the prison gate was a stall belonging to a Persian, who traded in vegetables. He used to be admitted into the prison to sell fruits and vegetables to the prisoners. I learned accidentally that the same Persian Ali, worked at the same factory as I did. He was an advanced worker, and succeeded in

persuading his brother not only to find out at what hours Comrade Stalin used to take exercise, but also to warn him of my coming visit.

## UNDER GUARD'S NOSE

The formalities at the gates were finished, and the cart loaded with fire-wood stopped near the prison-wall. I began to unload and stack the wood. I strove to do this as slowly as possible, and waited for Stalin to come out for exercise. At last he appeared in the yard. The prisoners used to walk backwards and forwards in the yard, while a warder stood in the middle of the yard. Every time Stalin passed by me he uttered a few abrupt words to me.

These were instructions about the work of our organization. Stalin indicated how the remaining forces should be distributed, how to operate and where to do so. And when I called this to mind, I am surprised how he was able in two to three abrupt words to pass on what was most important and fundamental.

In this way I got into the prison several times. On each occasion I passed Comrade Stalin's words on

to the comrades. All his instructions were immediately fulfilled, and the organization continued to work under his guidance.

## OTHER OUTSIDE CONTACTS

It should be said that this was not the only means of contact between Stalin and the comrades who remained at liberty. He also established other contacts, and this made it possible for him to guide the entire work of the organization.

On more than one occasion he asked me how the printing press was working, and said that this press must be preserved at all costs. On one occasion, as he passed close to me, he dropped a paper he had hidden in his sleeve and said that it must be delivered to the printers. When he passed on, I stood in such a way as to shield this paper from the warders, then rapidly picked it up and hid it away.

It was a manifesto written by Stalin while in jail. It was printed in 800 copies, I think, and was distributed in Batum and in the countryside. In this manifesto Stalin exposed the Tsarist Government, and called on the workers to undertake the struggle and take revenge for those who had perished during

the shooting down of the demonstration of March 9th.

Apart from this, the manifesto contained a number of economic demands which the workers were to present to Rothschild and Mantashev. As we read this manifesto, we were amazed how well Stalin knew the life and needs of the workers. In the manifesto he put forward a series of demands for each separate trade for tinmiths, drivers, foundrymen, blacksmiths, pressers, etc.

## During the Years of Underground Work

By I. Vatsk

We in Baku had to work in very complicated circumstances.

We fought not only against the autocracy and the capitalists, but also against their underlings—the Mensheviks, Socialist-Revolutionaries, Dashnaks (the Dashnaks were the Armenian nationalist party, which was hostile to the working class. After the October Proletarian Revolution the Dashnaks organized a bloody counter-revolutionary struggle against the Soviet

Power, and became agents of European imperialism).

At all points, all of us, revolutionary workers, were guided by Comrade Stalin.

I called the following episode to mind.

We were burying our dead Comrade Handlar. Comrade Stalin also attended the funeral, and used it for staging a big demonstration of the workers.

At first a brass band played "You Fell Victim" at the funeral. But as soon as we took the corpse out of the house, the Chief of Police called me and said:

"Are you in charge of the funeral? Then no music."

However, hardly had the band gone away than two choruses, organized by Comrade Stalin, made their appearance, in front of, and behind, the coffin, and began to sing a funeral song. That is how we proceeded to Baku.

Comrade Stalin, who kept contact with me all the time, called me and said:

"Send the lads to the factories, and beginning with the electric power station, let the factories along the route taken by the funeral procession keep their sirens going as

long as the coffin is visible."

It was worth while to see what a mess the Chief of Police and the Superintendent got into. When dozens of factory sirens began to whistle, the Superintendent ran to the Chief of Police and said:

"Your worship, what have we done? It would have been better if the music had played, there would have been fewer people at the funeral."

When I told Comrade Stalin about this he laughed for a long time.

And really, the gendarmes had something to be scared about. The funeral procession developed into a mighty political demonstration of the workers.

## MENSHEVIK EXPOSED

I remember the following incident. A leading Menshevik named Zurbakov, who was to speak at the Shibaev Works, came to Baku. I was employed at the Bibi-Eibat Oil Company, and Comrade Stalin came to me and asked:

"Are you going to the meeting?" We went.

Comrade Stalin said:

"When Zurbakov makes his report, you get up and speak. If you find

yourself in difficulty, we will help."

I did so. After Zurbakov had spoken, I did, followed by another Bolshevik. The workers understood what it was all about and began to shout:

"We don't need any more discussion, let's vote!"

## COMRADES SAVED FROM POLICE

Two resolutions were put before the meeting: The Bolshevik resolution and the Menshevik resolution. Of the 500 votes the Mensheviks at that time received only one, and that belonged to the Menshevik leader in the plant—Glazyrin. The workers of the Shibaev plant followed the lead of the Bolsheviks.

Comrade Stalin was particularly solicitous regarding our comrades, regarding the revolutionaries working illegally. On one occasion a list of 33 Bolsheviks fell into the hands of the gendarmes. These comrades had to be saved from the clutches of the butchers.

Comrade Stalin took all possible measures to get this list out of the hands of the gendarme headquarters. And when we succeeded in getting the list, Comrade Stalin informed the comrades, who were in

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# SOVIET ELECTIONS SPUR PRODUCTION IN PLANTS, ON FARMS

'Be Ready for Action' Is Slogan in Industry and in Agriculture As Workers Prepare to Name Delegates to Local Governments

(Special to Inter-Continental News)  
MOSCOW (By Mail).—If one were to take a bird's eye view of the working day in the USSR in these December days one would describe it as "all ready for action." Everywhere, starting with any apartment and ending with the biggest city in the USSR and the smallest village, the atmosphere is like that on the eve of a big holiday. Everything is directed towards one date—Dec. 24, 1939, the day of elections to the local Soviets of the working people.

A new section has appeared in the newspapers which daily occupies ever greater space—a list of the enterprises, branches of industry, regions and areas which have fulfilled and overfulfilled their programs for the second year of the Third Five-Year Plan before schedule.

The output of the food industry amounted to 10,803,000,000 rubles and it pledged to give the country a new quantity of products by the end of the year; 15,000 builders of the new Akmolinsk-Kartali Railway, including 7,900 Stakhanovites, are completing the remaining few kilometers of this line which connects the metallurgy of the Urals with the coal of Kazakhstan.

The motor truck plant of Yaroslavl has given the country new powerful trolley buses; 400 new schools have opened in Byelo-Russia and West Byelo-Russia.

The collective farmers of Tadzhikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan have delivered millions of pounds of cotton to the country before schedule. Moreover, the collective farms of Uzbekistan have received as awards 458,000,000 rubles for cotton deliveries not provided for in the plan.

**SOCIALIST COMPETITION**  
Plants are competing with plants, departments with departments, theatres with theatres, for the best quality and biggest quantity of production.

Every voter wants to meet the

election of the 1,000,000 deputies with the best results of his personal work and that of his co-workers irrespective of whether he is an intellectual, collective farm worker, or Red Army man.

When comparing the Moscow which elected the city Duma with the present Moscow, we see that in the old Moscow there were 160,000 workers whereas today there are 900,000 workers.

The annual industrial output of the old Moscow amounted to 970,000,000 rubles when in 1928 the socialist industry of Moscow showed an output of 16,000,000,000 rubles, that is, five billion rubles more than the entire industry in the central part of Tsarist Russia in its best years.

We find the same picture in studying the municipality of old Moscow. In the city Duma at its last convocation, there were 16 merchants, 49 members of "honored" families, three privy counselors, four reactionary professors, and several dozen officers and priests.

In the last meeting of the Moscow Soviet there were 1,382 workers, 480 Soviet intellectuals, 66 Red Army men and commanders, 55 students, 122 housewives, etc.

Taking the first electoral ward of this New Moscow at random—let's say the electoral ward number 76 of the Krasnopresnya district—we see that of the 1,893 electors, more than 600 are engineers, doctors, teachers, outstanding Stakhanovites, artists, in a word, people who have received their education during the last ten or fifteen years and

## Togs for Snow for Those With Dough to Play in the Snow



SNOW STYLES: Cloud gray is the color of the wool gabardine suit shown at the left. The windbreaker jacket is designed for comfort with action pleats both back and front. The turtle-neck sweater is red wool. The amber snow shield is pushed up here to form an eyeshade. Center: Royal blue flannel is trimmed with red rickrack to enliven this skating suit. The jacket is lined with red satin. On the right: White as snow and more dazzling is this ski suit of wool gabardine. The double-breasted jacket is lined in white wool flannel. The cap and leather palmed mittens are red poplin.

who formerly wouldn't have had the right to vote in the elections to the old Duma since they would have had no banks, nor huge stores, nor factories.

In the Rostov region the electors have put forward as candidates for deputies to the local Soviets 17,962 collective farmers, intellectuals and workers of whom 10,461 are non-Party people and 7,501 are members of the Party.

This bloc rests on such strong foundations that there is no doubt whatsoever of its victory also in these elections. This bloc is based on the unity of interests of all voters whether they are Communists or non-Party people: the interests of the working people who have learned to manage without capitalists and without landlords.

Therefore, the election struggle is being conducted around the candidates for deputies, not on the principle of Party membership, not on the principle of the political platform of various deputies, but on the principle of his or her business-like qualities as a builder of Communism.

The non-Party Bolshevik Stefan Boiko, put forward as a candidate for deputy to the village Soviet of Yegorlyk, in his speech before the Cossack collective farm electors spoke of the most pressing but at the same time the most important things—namely of how in the village as a result of the efforts of such statesmen as himself—a former shepherd, and today a collective farm brigade leader—ten secondary schools have been opened, ten libraries have been opened, three thousand out of eight thousand villagers have been trained as Voroshilov sharpshooters and cavalrymen, and the harvest has been stepped up to three times what it was ten years ago.

He promised his electors a water-main system, new public baths and another maternity home. Young Cossacks he said would be trained for the defense of the Fatherland. An 18-year-old printer, Gerasim Gervorkyan and the composer Armen Tigranyan, who composed a fine national opera have been nominated to the city council of Erivan, capital of Soviet Armenia. Thousands of persons will come to them with their joys and sorrows confident of their attention.

Every adult person is taking part in the electoral campaign because when the interest of each is the interest of all a tremendous creative enthusiasm is generated.

## Cleveland CIO Paper Warns of 'Spy' Attacks

Tells Unions to Be on Alert for Employers Anti-Labor Plots, Disguised As 'Sabotage' Hunts

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to frame you on charges of "sabotage." We know, and you know that CIO workers oppose sabotage, that there is going to be no sabotage of production in CIO plants unless it is done by paid, anti-labor stool-pigeons.

So do the bosses! However, the great industrialists have been trying for years to smash the CIO so they can make greater profits. Today they think they've got a chance to do it. They believe the "war situation" provides them their opportunity to smash unions and strike out against every working man and woman in Cleveland.

So, a powerful group of Cleveland bankers and industrialists have organized a widespread plot with which to spy on Cleveland working people. They are paying 25 cents per capita for each worker in order to hire labor spies. This spy activity, they hoped, would be kept secret.

But the CIO exposed it. Their cover-up is to say the whole plot is solely for the purpose of "preventing sabotage" in time of war. And they have apparently won in representatives of the city and federal governments.

Now, since it has been exposed, the big bosses have only one way of covering up—that is to fix up some fake sabotage stunts in order to sell the public on the idea that there is sabotage and therefore there is an excuse for following and hounding union workers like criminals.

Information has reached the offices of the Cleveland Industrial Union Council that several attempts have already been made by bosses or other anti-labor agents to frame up workers.

So, again pass out this warning! Watch your machines! And, if you're watching for stoolpigeons, remember only one fact: the one and only way to identify a stoolpigeon at this moment is—not by various ideas he expresses! That's

## Urge Public Ownership of Traction Lines

Chicago Alderman Blasts Big Bankers; Demands Five-Cents Carfare

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 25. — Chicago bankers and traction barons were challenged this week by Earl B. Dickerson, alderman of the Second Ward, in a blistering statement urging municipal ownership of traction lines and a five-cent street car fare.

"The traction interests and the bankers holding the bonds have shown that they have no interest in developing a unified transportation system," Alderman Dickerson declared. "After two years of wrangling between the competing elevated, street car and bus systems, after expensive hearings before the City Council subcommittee on transportation, we are back exactly where we started."

"Only the bankers and bondholders and not the man or woman who must ride to work have been considered by the traction interests. The companies insist that \$30,000,000 which they now hold in cash should be turned over to the bondholders and not be used to maintain and improve existing service in the event of unification."

"Then they glibly propose an eight-cent street car fare to effect improvements which should not be paid for out of the pockets of Chicago's citizens."

"These bankers, who ride to their own offices in expensive automobiles driven by uniformed chauffeurs, are bleeding the city white, exacting every last pound of flesh from the great body of Chicago's citizens. They demand a 100 per cent return on their investment while holders of real estate and other bonds, are glad during these times to realize five to ten per cent."

## Opera Backer Dies

Robert Stanton Brewster, 64, president of the Metropolitan and Real Estate Company and one of the men most active in the campaign to "save the opera" died at his home last night.

## New Year's Ball To Benefit Midwest Record

New Years Eve will be celebrated in Milwaukee at a ball given for the benefit of the "Record," a progressive weekly, at the South Side Armory, 1620 So. 6th St. Sunday night, December 31st. The sweet swing of Ted Rich and his orchestra will provide the inspiration for the merry-making. This is third New Years Eve ball given in Milwaukee for the "Record," and an overflow crowd is expected. The committee announced that the floor show which last year attracted considerable enthusiasm from the crowd of 830 attending will again feature Jimmy Mason's Wash Board Artists of Rhythm by popular request.

## Holdup Men Here Shoot Resister in Chest

Trying to fight off one of three holdup men, William Quinlan, 30, of 803 Amsterdam Ave., was shot in the chest during a robbery in the Clinton Restaurant, 5 Columbus Ave., early yesterday morning. The three armed men ordered David Nicolodi, manager, and a half-dozen customers into the kitchen while they took \$20 from the cash-register.

# FIRST DEFENDER OF BROWDER SAYS SPEED BAIL FUND

Mother Bloor Recalls How She Saw Him Go to Jail in 1919; It Must Not Happen Again, She Says in Plea for Funds

Mother Ella Reeve Bloor called on every Communist and sympathizer yesterday to help the defense fund drive to keep Earl Browder out of prison. His trial is set for next Tuesday in United States District Court on a phony passport charge.

"I saw the penitentiary doors close on him in Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1919," she told the Daily Worker yesterday.

"That must not happen again," Mother Bloor, took a leading part in Browder's defense, when the young Marxist leader was persecuted for his opposition to the imperialist war in 1917-18. When his appeal from his conviction was lost she accompanied him to the penitentiary walls.

Her memories of the scene are still fresh.

"Comrade Browder, Bill Browder, another brother and the friends convicted with them had left their coats behind," she said. It was a hot, summer day.

"They walked up to the penitentiary in pants and white shirts. On each shirt was a picture of Eugene Victor Debs, the great Socialist leader, who had been sentenced to Atlanta for ten years for an anti-war speech."

**SAW THEM IN PRISON**

"I used to visit them afterwards in prison. I was national organizer then for the Workers' Defense Union and got to see them in that capacity."

"Earl Browder always wanted books. Books and news of the movement. The Soviet Union was defeating the interventionists. American steel workers were striking against the 12-hour day. The Communist Party was being driven underground in the United States. Comrade Browder wanted every detail."

Mother Bloor told of Browder's poise under prison life.

"His personality never changed during almost two years as a political prisoner in Leavenworth," she said. "He always remained the same dignified, kindly and poised American comrade that we know today."

## WON HUNGER STRIKE

Mother Bloor saw a lot of Kansas those days. There were so many political prisoners that they overflowed the penitentiaries. Many were rotting in Kansas prisons that she used to visit.

She still smiles as she tells how she helped win a hunger strike of I.W.O.'s and other political prisoners at Leavenworth county jail. She carried the workers' demands to the sheriff telling him he'd be responsible for their death if he didn't promise them better food.

The sheriff gave in. He could well afford to. The Federal Government allowed 79 cents a day



MOTHER BLOOR

for each man and he spent about 13 cents.

Mother Bloor continued working for Browder till he got out in late 1920. She couldn't meet him that day, for she was in court herself in Kansas City, arraigned on a criminal syndicalism charge for defending political prisoners. She beat that frame-up later.

## NEED ANOTHER \$100,000

"Comrade Browder had helped lay the basis for the Communist movement before he went to the penitentiary," Mother Bloor said. "I worked with him in the left wing Socialist movement in those days. When he went to prison I helped carry on the 'Workers' World,' which his group published."

"That paper had a great influence in the Socialist Party in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska."

Mother Bloor is glad that the Defense Committee for Civil Rights to Communists, headed by Robert Minor and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn at 799 Broadway, has raised more than \$50,000 in loans for the bail fund for Communist leaders.

"That's good," she said, "but not enough. They must get another \$100,000 quickly."

"How would Earl Browder have done such splendid work on the 'Workers' World' if he hadn't gotten bail?" She said the Daily Worker should emphasize the point that bail lenders' money was safe.

"Not one of the men I bailed out ever went back on me," she said.

She told of a Missouri farmer, who mortgaged his farm to bail out political leaders during and after the war. He paid up the mortgage when the men came back.

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### Negro Women Hear of CIO Gains

For the first time, favorable reports were received at the fifth annual convention of the National Council for Negro Women of gains in working conditions for certain groups of Negro women workers.

The convention, which met this month in New York, heard that the great CIO drive had registered gains for Negro women working in dry cleaning, hair dressing and laundries.

bohydrate vegetable—like asparagus, cabbage, spinach, tomatoes—but nature-made for reducing diets. Chelery, celery bids for your favor by its flavor, good in itself, and good as a seasoning. To many consumers, that is big enough.

### LOOK BEFORE YOU SIGN

Buying on time is sometimes the only alternative for those who don't have the ready cash. So be sure you know what the sales contract

says before you sign on the dotted line.

Here are some of the questions the installment buyer should ask himself—and the dealer—before he signs:

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2—Are all the dollars and cents figures in the contract correct? Are there any blank spaces to be filled in later?

3—What are the insurance charges, if any? What insurance is actually provided?

4—To whom will I owe the payments?

5—What penalty charges may be imposed for late payment? Are there any other extra charges?

6—Do I have a right to fair notice before the merchandise can be repossessed? What repossession charges may be collected?

7—What security have I given? Does the security include other merchandise previously bought?

8—What legal safeguards and guarantees have I waived?

9—Do terms in fine print commit

me to additional obligations?

10—Is there provision for a fair refund on carrying charges if early payment is made?



A simple white sweater with your dark winter skirt makes a very pretty ensemble. Jane Bryan wears one in her current picture, "We Are Not Alone," an anti-war film.

# LENIN Memorial Meeting

In order to assure a seat for every ticket-holder at the colorful Lenin Memorial Meeting on January 22nd, in Madison Square Garden, the Arrangements Committee is placing on sale a large bloc of RESERVED tickets in prices ranging from 55c to \$1.10.

On several recent occasions, ticket-holders were unable to find seats in the Garden. To prevent repetition of such disappointment, tickets for reserved seats will be sold, starting Saturday, December 30th, at: Workers Bookshop, 50 East 13th St.; Progressive Bookshop, 133 West 44th St.; Brownsville Bookshop, 365 Sutter Ave., Brooklyn; Communist Party, N. Y. State, 35 East 12th St.

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## Roosevelt Pays a Compliment To the Budget Slashers

It was not broadcast as part of President Roosevelt's Christmas message yesterday. But it will mean an awful lot to millions of Americans.

We are referring to yesterday's prediction made by the New York Herald Tribune Washington correspondent that "the President is understood to be making a right turn for economy." Adds the Tribune correspondent, the "struggle over the government appropriation will be more apparent than real."

That should be plain. Roosevelt is letting the hard-bitten budget slashers know that he is gradually taking over their program. The Wall Street crowd whose enmity he once welcomed, he now pays the compliment which is called the highest form of flattery—imitation.

The reductions which have been announced on the WPA projects, the failure of Harrington to ask for the additional WPA and relief appropriations which are so urgently needed, and the scrapping of all plans for a Federal Health program are some of the straws which indicate Roosevelt's course in the coming Congress. The people are going to feel the budget axe driving them into poverty and hunger.

We may also note that Roosevelt will reduce these appropriations behind a well-planned political strategy. He will not try Hoover's older and cruder methods. There will be sham battles. There may be deceptive proposals on upper-income taxation, for example, which may be used as window dressing for the newly proposed taxation on food purchases by the poorest families.

The CIO, in its recent Legislative Program for the 1940 Congress, has taken note of these reactionary trends. It remarks "that it is not business, but rather labor and the consumer groups who are bearing the brunt of our increased expenditures for social welfare and national defense."

Accordingly, the CIO in demanding far larger expenditures for social welfare than exist at present, also demands that "there be no increase of taxes for lower income groups, that the present tax burden on consumer groups and wage earners be reduced," and that "a far greater proportion of the tax revenue must be derived by tapping the large concentrations of income and savings through higher taxes."

The American people, in defending their families against the cruelties of the budget slashers, see the Roosevelt Administration lining up with their bitterest enemies.

## An Assessment for Peace and Civil Liberties

In Havana on Dec. 18, a meeting of 50,000 Cuban workers condemned the trumped-up passport indictment against Earl Browder and other Communist leaders. In Bogota, Colombia, and in Mexico last week similar indignation was expressed. The why of this is clear. The Latin American people recognize that Browder's outstanding fight to keep the United States out of war, is a contribution to the peace and independence of all the South and Latin American nations.

The necessity for smashing these flimsy pretexts against Browder, William Weiner, Harry Gannes and other Communists is, therefore, of double importance to the American people. A real opportunity has been provided for organizing this campaign in the action of the National Committee of the Communist Party announced yesterday. The National Committee is levying a special assessment to the amounts of \$1 and 50 cents for the purpose of defending the civil rights of the Communist Party and its leaders from the increasing blows of the war-mongers. Fifty thousand dollars is to be raised immediately, and every Party member should place himself in good standing by taking out his assessment. Special assessment books are available at the New York State Communist Party headquarters with stamps in one dollar and fifty cent amounts.

The stamps are available not alone for Party members, but for all other Americans who wish to safeguard civil liberties and

protect the Bill of Rights. The assessment campaign will be carried on simultaneously with the bail loan fund of the Defense Committee for Civil Rights of Communists, headed by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Robert Minor.

The peace and civil liberties of the American people require that the assessment campaign—and the bail loan funds—be put over the top at once.

## The Tribune to the Rescue Of Vigilante Violence

Despite the conspiracy of silence with which the Wall Street press has attempted to kill the LaFollette Committee inquiry into vigilante violence in California, the news is beginning to seep through. The accumulating evidence that the capitalist class is guilty of the most brutal forms of violence against the agricultural workers, is becoming highly embarrassing to Wall Street.

The Herald Tribune, therefore, sets to work to give the LaFollette hearings the famous old Tribune treatment. It pretends that the fight in California is between "old-timers" (the pioneers, rah! rah!) and the "newcomers." The "old-timers," of course, are Associated Farmers—the most lawless, and most highly financed vigilante group ever organized in this country.

The Tribune magnanimously concedes that the "newcomers" (the hundreds of thousands of agricultural workers, many of whom come from foreign countries like Oklahoma) may have some grievances. But the verdict is awarded to the vigilantes.

"The old-timers resent the fact," says the Tribune, "that many of the newcomers have tried to organize in a manner that—so the old-timers insist—has hurt, rather than helped, the California agricultural development. If the LaFollette committee can point to a solution for this impasse it will have performed a great national service."

The answer to vigilante violence in California, according to the Tribune, is to prevent the agricultural workers from organizing and fighting against starvation wages. And the conclusion which the Tribune is preparing to draw from the evidence now being accumulated by the LaFollette committee, is that the government itself should step in and do the dirty work of the vigilantes. Labor must be on its guard therefore and see to it that the LaFollette findings result in exactly the opposite kind of action—in the definite curbing of the violence of the open-shop and vigilante employers.

## It Was Merry for a Few

Yes, it was a very merry Christmas—for the war-profters. Life never looked happier for them. A feeling of contentment pervaded their souls as they contemplated the prospect of new millions of dollars in profits and of a new American Expeditionary Force across the seas.

But for the masses of people, it was a Christmas of deep worry. The press pretended that care and fear had been banished ("Christmas Gayety for City's Millions Reaches New Peak," said the Times.) But these headlines could not wipe out the suffering of the ten million unemployed. Nor could they lose the anxiety of America's youth as it feels the Administration leading the country toward war.

Happiness lies ahead for the American people only to the extent that they organize for jobs and relief, only to the extent that they fight boldly against every move of the Administration and of Wall Street which would throw this country into the bloodbath of imperialist war.

## Burying the Cultural Genius of the Negro

Among the other examples of insidious poison which the picture "Gone with the Wind" carries, are the slanderous roles it assigns to the Negro actors. Some of the most statesmanlike and cultural contributions ever made to America have been provided by the Negro people, particularly during the Reconstruction era immediately following the Civil War. But this picture takes careful pains to picture the Negroes as "simpletons," clowns, and it places them in the most subservient and degrading parts.

On this point "Gone with the Wind" is merely the crassest example of what is a general jim-crow policy on the part of the millionaire Hollywood movie factory. Roles which show the dignity, the cultural genius, and the deep Revolutionary traditions of the Negro people are systematically denied them. Great Negro talents are shunted aside by the reactionary producer's scramble for gold. In this the Hollywood industrialists follow the line laid down by the Wall Street and the Southern bourgeois who deny the Negro his full social, economic and political citizenship.

The American people should stand alert against this underhanded slander of the Negro people as a sly campaign of the most reactionary and war-mongering forces in the land.

## Scenes From the Soviet Ukraine



Twenty years ago this month workers and peasants of Soviet Byelo-Russia delivered a crushing defeat to the German army of intervention. Today, the region prospers, the people are happy and confident in their socialist future. Above: One of the new public squares in Minsk, capital of the Byelo-Russian Soviet Republic; Left, an arithmetic lesson in a collective farm school and, right, women reading on a Ukrainian collective farm.

## Letters from Our Readers

### A Mannerheim 'Victory'—

Boston, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Yesterday it was "reported" in the capitalist press that nine Finns have wiped out seven hundred Reds. A few days ago, it was "reported" that a Finn Sharpshooter had brought down three Fed planes with his rifle. Thousands of Reds are "reported" captured every day. Many more thousands are dying of starvation. Some scores of thousands are frozen to death by the capitalist headlines. Thousands more are trapped by a score of "debt-paying, heroic" Finnish White Guards. The Murmansk railroad was wiped out several times by the daring White Guard fliers. The cruiser Kirov was sunk once, then it was damaged, and then it was some other warship that was "reported" sunk or damaged. Hundreds of Red tanks are put out of action daily. Some Red divisions mutiny against the unbearable conditions of the war and they shoot their war commissars. Today's Hearst headlines beat everything else. They tell us in huge type: PLAGUE HITS RED ARMY.

I am just wondering, dear editor, what is the total population of the Soviet Union. If it is 183 million, as I always thought it was since the Sovietization of West Ukraine and Byelo-Russia, then I think the capitalist press is not referring to the Red Army of the Soviet Union. At the most, even if the Red Army were to mobilize the entire country against "debt-paying-little" Finland, it couldn't possibly last another two weeks at the rate it is perishing both by the "brave heroic" White Guards and by the plague sent against them by Hearst. Evidently, the capitalist press is referring to a war fought on one of the inhabited planets. If so, they should specify which planet it is. The picture is very confusing to a person living on this earth. They should clarify it a little bit for those of their readers who are not so familiar with astronomical conditions.

Anyway, dear editor, I am beginning to think that we are witnessing the birth of a new phrase, which ought to enrich the English language. I hope I shall have the honor of coining this phrase: A Mannerheim victory. Yet, sir, the whole thing amounts to just that: A Mannerheim victory. We all know something about a Pyrrhic victory. It is a victory bought at a tremendous cost. A Pyrrhic victory is always possible, it is within the realms of actuality. It is something that can easily take place on our own planet, the Earth.

Not so with a Mannerheim victory. That can take place only on some other planet, in the imagination. On this our Earth, we have to pay more or less for all our victories and achievements. Baron Mannerheim pays nothing for them. Not one Finn White Guard was "reported" killed yet. Therefore, it is but reasonable to define the Mannerheim victory as the cheapest victory in the market. May the Bankers' International console itself with everlasting Mannerheim victories. Your humble correspondent will be satisfied on his part with a humble Voroshilov earthly advance.

### Sincerest Wishes for Gannes' Recovery

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The comrades of our Branch feel that the most meaningful manner in which we can express our sincerest wishes for Comrade Gannes' speedy recovery is by adding three dollars to the Daily Worker drive. More than ever today do we feel the vital need for the Daily Worker's guidance.

JOE HILL JUNIORS, Bronx, YCL.

### 'Tell the Parasites: The Yanks Are Not Coming'

New Orleans, La.

Editor, Daily Worker:

As a veteran of the last World War and experiencing the horrors of its after-effects for 22 years along with millions of others, it seems most impossible to believe that the American people can again become imbued through the poisonous propaganda reaching them through press and radio as to allow themselves again to be fooled, misled and slaughtered and for a cause not of democracy for a decaying system. As in 1933 we see the "economy" again throwing veterans out of homes and hospitals. Destitute, aged and broken in health. He is found living in city missions, box cars, city dumps and jails, no longer called a hero of '17-'18 but a vagabond of 1939.

It isn't easy to forget the tanks and poison gas

used by Hoover when we asked for the bonus in 1932, and now it is not only the task of the Veterans but of the great mass of the American people to impress upon these same parasites once and for all that the Yanks are not coming any more.

Yours for the people

A World War Veteran.

### Comments Sports Writers Of Daily Worker

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Sports Department has been doing a swell job. The reporting of sports activities is as good as can be found on any capitalist paper. Of course, a lack of space, prevents adequate coverage of all sports. Notwithstanding this, a wonderful job is being done.

Not only is the sport coverage good; the political content is excellent. Pointing out discrimination, exposing phonies and fakes and the exploitation of professional athletes is a job which only a people's paper will do.

Rodney, Kurman, Farrell, Stephens, all contribute not only sport news and comment on sports but are also contributing to the building of an America where sports and sunshine and health will be within the reach of all the people—a socialist America.

E.—N. Y. Branch YCL'er.

### Corrects Times Book Review on Labor Trial

Little Falls, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Copy of a letter sent to the N. Y. Times Book Review.

"Dear Sir:

"In your issue of Dec. 17, page 3, R. L. Duffus, reviewing 'Crusaders for American Liberalism' says:

"Magazine and newspaper publicity, not always probator but hell-bent to establish the facts, probably secured the acquittal of Haywood... tried in 1907 for the murder of, etc..."

"It is implied that the commercial press and so-called liberal magazines accorded this publicity which led to a just acquittal."

"I witnessed the entire trial of Haywood in 1907 as correspondent for a socialist magazine, Wilshire's, and can testify that the defense had virtually no support in the whole country except from the socialist and labor press. The so-called liberal McClure's magazine gave a shining example of fair play by publishing before and during the trial Harry Orchard's purported confession to the Pinkerton McParland, which was the prosecution mainstay."

"I saw daily in the court room the Times' special correspondent, Oscar King Davis, but never met him in the defense offices where he might have acquired a slant toward the actual outcome of the case and thereby have spared his readers bewilderment and regret."

"The prosecution bolstered its case by parading in the court room the nation's leading liberals from Prof. Muensterberg of Harvard to Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis of Plymouth Church but that didn't help any more than the barrage of hostile print. The jury of farmers agreed with the workers everywhere that innocent labor leaders were being persecuted... as others are today."

(Signed) "JOHN R. McMAHON."

### Jim-Crow in the Venal Press

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Significant indeed, the vast wall of silence raised in the capitalist press on everything concerning the Negro people. Nothing of Paul Robeson, the great singer; nothing of the Negro musicians at Carnegie Hall—no mention in the show pages of Louis Armstrong, Jimmy Lunceford and other talented Negro swingsters; not a word of the remarkable series of lectures at the Workers School "The Negro in the Modern World"—just concluded; hardly a peep of the jim-crowing of Kenny Washington and other great Negro athletes; not a line on Tim Holmes' magnificent speech on anti-Semitism at Madison Square Garden the other night—dead silence on all these activities and achievements of the Negro people except in the workers press—the Daily Worker and New Masses.

G.K.

## Questions and Answers

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER



Question—Will the war boom do away with unemployment?

Answer—At present industrial output in the United States has surpassed the previous all-time high record of May, 1929; yet there still remain 10,000,000 unemployed. Nor is there the slightest possibility of this vast permanent army of jobless being absorbed into industry through European war orders. Also, even if the United States itself should enter the war with its armed forces there would probably still be left a big number of unemployed workers. Thus, in both England and France there is much unemployment. The recent small decline in the number of unemployed in the United States is temporary and precarious. Already there are signs that industry may soon slow down again, despite war orders; and the conclusion of the war will doubtless bring a terrific industrial crisis that will probably at least double the present number of unemployed.

From these ominous facts and perspectives it is clear that the workers should entertain no illusions about the war ending unemployment and bringing them prosperity. There remains the gravest necessity (and it will increase) to fight for jobs and relief through government and trade union action. It is undoubtedly needful, therefore, that the Federal Government develop a huge housing program; that it maintain and extend WPA; that it work up a great national health program; that it expand its system of farm relief; that it build up a far more substantial system of unemployment insurance and old age pensions; that it check the rising cost of living.

At the same time the trade unions should seek to strengthen the purchasing power of the masses by wide movements for better wages and by shortening of working hours. The five-day week and six-hour day are becoming increasingly necessary. Had it not been that the workers, during the past ten years, succeeded in reducing working hours from a national general average of 50 to 40 per week, there would now be an additional 8,000,000 unemployed.

The need to struggle for jobs through government and trade union action is all the more acute now, because the great employers, in their determined efforts to secure huge war-time profits, are demanding insistently that the whole program of government work-relief be scrapped. And the Roosevelt Administration is more and more yielding to their growing pressure. Already actual starvation is developing in numerous cities, Cleveland being only one of many similar cases. The whole situation imperatively demands a militant struggle for jobs and better living standards by the workers. There must be no illusions that the war will bring jobs and prosperity for the workers.

Question—Did not the Communist Party, with its recent policy of an international peace front of the democracies, swing to the right, and is it not now swinging back again to the left with its renewed stress on Socialism?

Answer—By no means. The main objectives of the Communist Party, which are all of one piece, are always the same—(a) to protect to the maximum the welfare of the workers under capitalism, and (b) to prepare the masses for the eventual establishment of Socialism. But the strategy and tactics used, at a given time, and the immediate tasks to be performed, in the accomplishment of these basic aims necessarily vary with the changing objective situation.

Thus the struggle of the world Communist movement for an international peace front of the democratic powers, based on the peoples' front of workers, farmers, professionals and small business elements in the various countries, corresponded to the great immediate international task for the eventual building of Socialism that then confronted the world's toilers—the urgent need to prevent the threatening war from breaking out. Under the given circumstances, this vast movement was the most effective method of uniting the workers and their allies against monopoly capital. In adapting its immediate policies to this need the Communist Party did not "swing to the right," but, with true Leninist flexibility, gave correct leadership to the masses.

The outbreak of the imperialist war between the Allies and Germany presents a new world situation. Therefore, as the vanguard of the proletariat, the Communist Party in consequence must everywhere reshape its immediate policies on the basis of the new needs and tasks confronting the toiling masses, in their immediate struggle against the great capitalists, as well as their general fight for Socialism. Thus, the Party now correctly centers its efforts upon keeping America out of the war, upon the fight to establish world peace, upon the defense of the workers' democratic rights, jobs and economic standards, against the encroachments of the profiteers and war-mongers. If the Communist Party is now placing more immediate stress upon the question of Socialism than it did during the recent struggle to prevent the outbreak of war, this is not because the Party has become more left, but because the imperialist war, by shattering the foundations of capitalism, is raising the issue of Socialism on a world scale in sharper forms.

Question—Why do the Dies Committee and the Department of Justice single out the Communist Party for persecution, and not the Trotskyites, Lovestonites and Thomases, who claim to be more revolutionary than the Communists?

Answer—The reason is simply because the rule of the United States, of whom Dies and Murphy agents, are not fooled by the radical pretenses of the Thomases, Lovestones, Waldmans and Cannons. They realize quite well that the role of such people is to slander the first Socialist government in the world, the Soviet Union; to assail the only revolutionary party of the American working class, the Communist Party; and to undermine such progressive mass organizations as the C. I. O., the American Youth Congress, the Consumers' Union and many others. This is precisely the destructive work that the capitalists urgently want done, so why should they not protect their helpers?

When either Thomas, Lovestone, Waldman or Cannon talk against the Communist Party, the Communist International, or the Soviet Union, it might well be Mr. Dies himself or one of his fellow reactionaries speaking. Thus the recent red-baiting resolution of the American Labor Party, written and supported by these elements, could easily have been prepared by Matthew Woll, Hamilton Fish, W. R. Hearst, Westbrook Pegler or Father Coughlin. When Mr. Dies recently assured Norman Thomas that he would not "investigate" the Socialist Party he did this in friendly appreciation of Thomas' co-laborers with him in red-baiting. Also if Mr. Murphy, of the Department of Justice, while busily arresting Communists, is not also bringing indictments against Lovestonites, Trotskyites or Social-Democrats, this is in a similar spirit of cooperation with the red-baiters. When the Thomas, Lovestone, Cannon and Waldman pseudo-Socialist outfits are unblushingly acting as state's witnesses and informers against the Communist Party and the Soviet Union, then nobody should be surprised if they are openly applauded and protected by the worst reactionaries and enemies of the people.

Wm Z. Foster



# NO HOLDS BARRED

By STAN KURMAN

Offhand you'd say that Billy Conn was the top figure in boxing during the year and there'd be plenty of evidence to back up the theory.

When the year started Billy was just a name among the light-heavies. A still-growing kid who might get somewhere some day. He'd beaten NBA middle champ Solly Krieger and was rated a clever boxer. That's all.

Then he came to town for a date with Fred Apostoli. Not many people at Madison Square Garden that night. The fans figured that Fred, a slugger with a noodle, would be much too much for the Pittsburgh youngster. Billy beat him.

Nobody could believe it. It was called a freak win. They were re-matched. Billy beat him again.

Conn followed with a dazzling victory over Krieger. Then he met lefty Melio Bettina for the light-heavyweight title. Fight men like to steer clear of lefties. They're too hard to fight. Billy didn't have an easy time of it with Melio. But he beat him cleanly.

And repeated the whipping more decisively in the summer. Then along came Gus Lesnevich, terrific slugger who had kayeod clever Davey Clark. And Billy's sneaky left jab kept Gus away for another Conn victory.

All of which adds up to a pretty good case for handsome young Billy. Still far away from his heavyweight title ambitions, Conn had a great year.

But somebody else rates the palm—as I see it. That somebody else is Joe Louis. Now Joe didn't blaze any new path of glory for himself. He simply entrenched himself as the greatest heavy champ of all time. All Joe did was knock out four challengers. Two of them—faded John Henry Lewis and vet Jack Roper—weren't up there with the biggies but they had a chance. The others are Joe's 1-2 challengers—Tony Galento and Bob Pastor.

Joe got off the floor to beat Galento—as tough and mean a fighter as the game has ever seen. Tony is strictly slugger and he really went after Joe. But Joe took him neatly in the fourth round of a hectic thriller.

Pastor is the exact opposite of Galento. Bob's all boxer—with a pretty fair right thrown in. It isn't easy to tag clever Pastor. Bob had danced backwards to stick ten rounds with Louis in a previous fight.

And a much improved, more aggressive Pastor stayed ten rounds with Louis last summer. But in the eleventh a right hand ended Bob's bid.

Looking around the heavyweights—who is there for Joe to fight? He's licked all of 'em that count—and many who don't. He'll switch styles for the man—box, slug as the occasion demands.

It wasn't a sensational year for Louis. But the fact that many sports writers in a recent poll voted Galento the outstanding athlete of the year for his showing against Joe, is a tip-off on just how great this Negro champion is. When anybody sticks with Joe for any time he's praised to the hilt. Which reverse English points to Joe Louis as the outstanding fighter of the year.

Just as Joe was the biggest man in the game during the year, the biggest flop was Lou Nova. After Lou belted out Max Baer, they were talking about the young Californian as next man for Louis. Then Nova ran into Galento—and oblivion.

Not that he's so bad off now. The heavyweight picture outside of Louis is so sad that Nova is number three challenger. And vets Tommy Farr and Baer are four and five! The rankings are really a bit silly. Louis is out there by himself. Then come Pastor and Galento, pretty even. After that you can tab 'em as you see 'em. It doesn't make much difference.

This talk about a Louis retirement isn't so well-founded at that. Joe had hinted that he'd retire at the end of '40 but it doesn't look that way. The heavyweight class would be in a pretty sorry state if he did.

Joe will probably stick around another couple of years. A fighting champion, the greatest ever.

# SPORTS DAILY WORKER SPORTS

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**TOMORROW:**  
A Daily Worker  
Sports Review  
Of the Year  
That's Different

## USC, Texas Invasion Opens Court Carnival

### Fistic Row:

#### De Bello, Stolz Picked In Tonite's Fites

Paul to Take Rinaldi at Coliseum; Allie Over Dano at Arena

Holiday week sees a pretty quiet boxing schedule to round out the year. Still the small clubs are in with their usual action-packed cards. Here's how the Coliseum and Broadway Arena fights size up:

Rough and tough Paul De Bello, Red Hook's sensational lightweight boxer, faces rugged vet Johnny Bellus in the feature fight at the Coliseum tonight.

De Bello, gunning for a fight with Lew Jenkins, ought to take this one. He's strong and aggressive—just the right kind of a fighter to take Bellus, who is no slouch in anybody's book.

Bellus can take it per excellence but isn't so hot at dishing it out. Johnny's surprised before—sports wins over Chalky Wright, Tommy Spiegel and Maxie Fischer—and may do it again.

Semi-final six pairs neighborhood Bronx rivals Curley St. Angelo and Eddie Palermo in what shapes up as a humdinger. Clever Mickey La Marr faces Joe Memoli and Sean Hynes meets Jack Lowery in other sizes.

Plenty of action in the feature bout at the Broadway Arena with clever Allie Stolz meeting shifty Pablo Dano in an eight.

First fight for Allie since he was kayeod by Pete Scalzo and he plans to move back up in easier stages. Allie's confidence is back after his first kayo loss and he should take Dano, who will soon be matched for a ban-tam title fight with Lou Salica.

Still Dano may be too smart for young Allie. The little Filipino boxer has never been knocked off his feet and has beaten such stand-outs as Al Mancini, Frankie Corvelli and Nat Littin.

But we'll stick to Allie.

Slugging Hi-Ho Silver meets Joey Maldonado in the semi-final six, while Yuss Goldstein, coming power-hitter, faces crowd-pleasing Gene Molnar in another sixer. A third over the route pairs Solly Gerstler with Pete Mascia.

### Court Line-Ups And Numbers

FIRST GAME (8:15 P. M.)			
No.	Manhattan Pos.	Tex.	No.
14	O'Rourke L.F.	Graville	24
15	Schwartz R.F.	Hall	25
7	Flanagan C.	Cooley	27
11	Sarullo LG	Spears	28
9	Kravets RG	Moore	29
Manhattan Reserves—Sheehan (5), Jordan (6), Meynahan (8), Thompson (10), Reynolds (12), Card (17), Cost (18), Smolinski (19).			
Texas Reserves—Moore (22), Houpt (26), King (28), Fisher (32), Hinds (33).			
SECOND GAME			
No.	L. I. U. Pos.	U. S. C.	No.
31	Schwartz L.F.	Vaughn	33
34	Schechtman R.F.	Morrison	35
19	King C.	Sears	36
26	Labello LG	Lippert	37
28	Shelly RG	McGarrin	38
L. I. U. Reserves—Zellita (20), Schneider (21), Simon (23), Wallerson (27), Sharf (28), Ehlers (29), Beenders (30), Peck (32), Goldberg (33).			
U. S. C. Reserves—Lambert (3), Gueff (6), Ueber (10), Ormsby (17), Reising (18), Barrow (19).			

### WHAT'S ON

**RATES:** What's On notices for the Daily and Worker are 35¢ per line (4 words to a line—5 lines minimum).

**DEADLINE:** Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, 5 P.M. Friday.

**TOMORROW**

LAST SESSION of the course, "Women and Society," will be held on Wednesday, December 27th, 8:40 P.M. Workers School, 35 East 12th St., NYC.

**SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

SOCIAL DANCE GROUP—Recognized workers school for Ballroom Dancing, Walts, Foxtrot, Tango, etc. 68 Fifth Ave. Studio 7-B. GR. 7-3522. Miriam Pallas. Registration 2-10 P.M.

**STUDY BASIC ROOTS** of present international situation. Register for winter term. Workers School, 35 East 12th St. Room 201. 10 A.M.—10 P.M.

### MORE OF THE BOWL BOYS



John Kimbrough Texas A. & M. back

Millard White Tulane tackle

John Kimbrough Texas A. & M. back

Here's some of the boys who'll be in those Jan. 1 Bowl games. And Boston College, with ten of the players down with the gripe, foolishly bowed down to the Jim Crow notions of the Cotton Bowl big-shot and told Negro star Lou Montgomery he could stay home and listen to the game over the radio.

Charlie O'Rourke Boston Coll. back

Banks McFadden Clemson back

### Briejs From the Bowls

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 25 (UP).—Major Bob Neyland handed Pacific Coast football fans a questionable Christmas present today when he announced that all of his Tennessee's football team's workouts during the next week will be secret.

When Major Bob and his Tennessee Volunteers arrived yesterday to prep for their Rose Bowl game with Southern California's Trojans, Neyland ordered an immediate and public workout at Brookside Park. After their limbering up maneuvers, Neyland said the rest of their conditioning will be done behind closed gates.

Major Bob was still uncertain if knee injuries to George Cafego, backfield ace, and guard Bob Suffering would permit their seeing much action on New Year's Day.

Meanwhile the Southern California Trojans were observing Christmas, but ready to plunge into final preparations tomorrow, hopeful that guard Harry Smith and two top-flight backs, Grenville Iandell and Jack Danta would have dropped their leg limps along with their Christmas stockings.

A real workout was on the program tomorrow.

The Green Wave finished its final scrimmage for Texas A. & M. yesterday in a cold rain. Dawson was satisfied.

Tulane goes back to real work tomorrow, particularly on tackling and blocking. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be spent on pass defense, dummy offensive and defensive scrimmage.

### GEORGIA TECH

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 25 (UP).—The Ramblin' Wreck of Georgia Tech rolled into Miami today for the New Year's Day Orange Bowl battle with Missouri. Coach W. A. Alexander, pausing only long enough to observe, "I won't be surprised if we get beat," put them right to work.

Unimpressed with the odds on the game which make Tech, co-holders with Tennessee and Tulane of the Southeastern Conference crown, a 7-to-10 favorite, old Alex remarked gloomily, "We're going up against a tough team, one that's going to be hard to lick."

The outlook didn't seem quite so dark, however, when the Tech squad of 34 took the field and went through a brisk, two-hour drill under a brisk, two-hour drill under a hot Florida sun. The session was open to all who cared to watch, so the boys didn't dig too deeply into their bag of tricks.

Little Johnny Bosch, passing and running star; Howard Ector, Tech's big bucking and blocking back, and punter Neil Cavette appeared to have lost none of their old skill.

### Lobello Tops Scorers

LIU's high-scoring outfit has the jump on the other local teams in the scoring column. Six of the Blackbirds are up there in the top eight high scorers, with Si Lobello, who has scored 118 points, way out in front. Teammates Dolly King and Sol Schwartz follow with 77 points each. Blackbird captain Ossie Schechtman is next with 73 while Bee man Joe Shelly is tied for fifth at 60 points with Socker Sarullo of Manhattan. Lou Simon rounds out the Blackbird monopoly with 50 points, alongside of Captain Julie Kasner of Brooklyn.

### Readers Like Kenny, Hamlin

#### 3rd Vote for Kenny

To the Contest Editor:

Out on the Pacific Coast where one hundred thousand spectators are commonplace, there played this year two great undefeated teams. Their goal, the honor of representing the west in the "still" greatest classic of all post-season games, the Rose Bowl.

Acknowledged as one of the best football players in the country back in his sophomore year, Kenny Washington, backfield ace of U.S.L.A., was virtually a one-man team in his senior year.

Time and time again, throughout the year, he snatched victory from defeat by the prowess of his mighty frame.

His ability to do any and everything on the gridiron and to the highest degree. His genius for coming through "in the clutch" when an emergency appeared. His quick thinking when the occasion arose for a surprise play. His loyalty to his team and team-mates, merit him the award of outstanding athlete of the year.

When 103,000 spectators stand up and cheer a person, who throughout the year gave his all, while laboring under the handicap, not of his own making, of having a

## Take on LIU, Jaspers In Week of Champs Twin-Bill Tonight

Trojans Loaded to Crack Beemen's 42-Game Win Streak, Smart Southern Team Good Bet to Whip Manhattan in Garden Games

The first installment of the Week of Champions which will see six invading sectional champs test N. Y. fives, gets underway tonight when Southern California and Texas bow into Madison Square Garden.

Big game of the evening sees powerful USC out to crack LIU's 42-game win streak. Texas, South-west Conference titlist, guns for fast-coming Manhattan in the opener.

The LIU-USC skirmish figures to be one of the games of the year. That's saying a lot after the Beemen's thrilling overtime battle with Oregon in the Garden opener, but that's how it shapes.

Of course much the same was said when USC came into town last year and then LIU slaughtered the Trojans. But stage-fright and brilliant LIU marksmanship in the first half shattered USC's confidence. That they went on from there to clean up back home in the Northern division of the Coast Conference points to a really good team.

This year, high-scoring Ralph Vaughn and company insist the program is going to be different. The Trojans are loaded for this one. En route, they knocked off such powers as De Paul, Purdue and Notre Dame. Besides the whole LIU starting five, which cooled off the Trojans last year is missing. Not that the team is any slouch with Dolly King, Si Lobello and Ossie Schechtman playing great ball. Still if reserve material counts any—and it's certain to in a game like this—USC has the edge. Out of a swarm of good sophs from last year's unbeaten frosh team.

And if you go for hexes, then the evil eye is on Clair Bee's smooth aggregation. For it was a team out of the coast—Hank Luisetti-paced Stanford—which snapped a 43-game LIU win streak two years ago.

Guy to watch in this one is Vaughn. Average of thirteen points a game in two years of varsity play. Broke Luisetti's one-game conference scoring record by slapping in thirty-six points against UCLA last winter.

Talking about guys to watch, any one of those LIU dead-eyes is apt to break loose. That's what makes it a team—Clair teaches them to shoot first—then the fancy stuff. It's the score that counts.

First local appearance for Texas and Garden debut for Manhattan. Bounding Bob Moers leads a smart five against the Jaspers, which is a much sturdier outfit than last year's. Socker Sarullo is the chief Manhattan gun but little play-maker Johnny Kravets is the guy who sets up the points. Big John Flanagan—out of the only game which Manhattan has lost in five starts—has arrived as a good floorman and sweet defensive player.

All this for only the first chapter of a big week. Missouri and Oklahoma face NYU and Fordham Thursday night while the thriller-week winds up with St. John's and CCNY playing host to Colorado and Santa Clara.—KURMAN.

### Luke Hamlin

To the Contest Editor:

For the past week I've watched the day by day unfolding of the Sports Contest Letters with a great deal of interest. There is no doubt that the "Daily" readers are as wide awake as any in the city. However I can't understand why our Brooklyn Dodgers haven't been

mentioned. Hence this letter.

Can you picture any man winning twenty games in one season for the Brooklyn Dodgers? Until this season just past I didn't think it could be done. But it was, and the miracle man is our much maligned Luke "Hot Potato" Hamlin.

Everybody knows that the team as a whole played heads-up ball for the major part of the year. However in the rush to congratulate Manager Durocher for piloting the team to the third spot Hamlin was shamefully trampled upon. The Dodgers have finished in 1st place had Hamlin won only a few games? (Which is excellent by Dodge pitcher, or any other.)

He supplied the winning margin allowing the Dodgers to nose out the Cubs for the coveted position in the last few days of the regular season.

If that feat doesn't make Hamlin THE athlete of the year, me and few million Brooklyn fanatics are all wet. And we haven't been drowned out of any argument yet.

So come on—get wise. Give Hamlin the prize. Yours till long after the bankers throw in the towel.

JOHN W. WITTER, Bronx, N. Y.

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